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Upcoming Events

Four Seasons Photography Workshop
Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery and Studios
Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-8040

Veterans Celebration
Nov. 12-13
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

Diabetes Awareness Community Event
Nov. 13, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Chickasaw Community Center
Ada, Okla.

Community Arts and Crafts Class
Nov. 15, 6-8 p.m.
Purcell Area Office
Purcell, Okla.
(405) 527-4973

GOURDget Class
Nov. 15, 2-4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery and Studios
Sulphur
(580) 272-7781

Linoleum Block Printmaking Class
Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery and Studios
Sulphur
(580) 272-7781

Thanksgiving Celebration
Nov. 19-20
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

'Love Lives On' - International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day
Nov. 19, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Chickasaw Business and Conference Center
Ada
(580) 421-8734

Gingerbread House Make and Take
Nov. 22, 1-3 p.m.
Chickasaw White House
Milburn, Okla.
(580) 371-9835

Celebration of Lights
Nov. 26 - Dec. 31
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

Community Arts and Crafts Class
Dec. 1, 6-8 p.m.
Chickasaw Community Center
Ardmore, Okla.
(580) 222-2929

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Seeley Chapel beginnings

'A vision of a thriving culture and a united people'

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Hundreds of Chickasaws and friends packed Fletcher Auditorium and adjacent tents on the campus of Murray State College October 1 to hear Gov. Bill Anoatubby deliver the State of the Nation address.

Delivering his address to an enthusiastic gathering during the 56th Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting, Gov. Anoatubby traced the success of the Chickasaw Nation to the vision of those Chickasaws who met at Seeley Chapel in 1960.

That first annual meeting in the modern era took place when the government of the Chickasaw Nation was comprised of a single official, a governor who was appointed by the President of the United States.

"At that time, our people came together with a vision for the future - a vision of self-governance and self-determination – a vision of a thriving culture and a united people," Gov. Anoatubby said. "And with that vision in mind, they took those first bold steps toward reasserting our sovereignty and ensuring our future progress.

"I am pleased to report that the state of the Chickasaw Nation is strong – that we continue to prosper. And, that we remain vigilant in the protection of our lands, our culture and our sovereignty."

Water rights

Gov. Anoatubby declared that a recent water rights agreement among the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, the state of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City is one example of the tribe's ongoing efforts to protect and defend sovereignty.

The historic agreement, first announced in August, resolves long-standing questions over water rights and regulatory authority over waters in the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations.

"While we have been sovereign since time immemorial, sovereignty is something we should never take for granted," Gov. Anoatubby said. "As tribal leaders, we have a duty to engage in this process and exercise our rights as sovereign nations to protect the interests of our people.

"Through this settlement process we were able to find a way to preserve and protect the water resources essential to economic growth and quality of life in south-central and southeastern Oklahoma while still providing water needed to meet the needs of the people of Oklahoma City, many of whom are Chickasaw and Choctaw."

Under the agreement, the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations will have a meaningful and active voice in the management of water resources within the boundaries of the two tribes.

"This agreement is a win for the entire state, because it provides a foundation for a deeper relationship based on engagement, collaboration and cooperation and offers the best opportunity to manage those resources in a manner that will help ensure a strong economy and thriving natural environment for generations to come," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Language revival

Revival of the language, Gov. Anoatubby said, was one of the significant ways the tribe preserved its culture. He announced that the first set of Chickasaw language lessons in the Rosetta Stone format will be complete before the end of the year. That first set will include 40 interactive video lessons.

"Our language team has been working diligently to produce these lessons so Chickasaws everywhere will benefit from Rosetta Stone's proven language-immersion model," Gov. Anoatubby said.

A committed team of elders, he said, had been working to make this possible.

"Day after day, these elders translated scripts, reviewed videos and developed the language material," he said.

Each Chickasaw citizen will have full access to the Chickasaw language Rosetta Stone program free of charge. An online version and audio version on CD will be available before the end of the year. A mobile application is under development and will be available in the summer of 2017.

"We are excited about this and other projects designed to make the Chickasaw language more accessible than ever, ensuring the state of our language remains strong for many generations to come," Gov. Anoatubby said. "To fund important projects such as this, we continue to pursue proven business models, to diversify our portfolio and to be good stewards of tribal resources."

Gov. Bill Anoatubby reported "the state of the Chickasaw Nation is strong" and getting stronger during his annual State of the Nation address Oct. 1 at the 56th Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival in Tishomingo.

Financial success

Despite a downturn in the Oklahoma economy, due in large part to lower energy prices, the Chickasaw Nation has continued to experience significant business revenue growth. Business income has increased by almost 7 percent, while net assets of the Chickasaw Nation grew 10 percent.

Diversification is an integral part of the tribe's business strategy. Chickasaw Nation Industries was established 20 years ago as part of those diversification efforts. More recently, Sovereign Medical Solutions was established to expand health care services to the larger community.

"Expansion of our core businesses and selective diversification into new markets has resulted in higher than forecasted growth and unprecedented commercial earnings," Gov. Anoatubby said. "For several years, we have been working to diversify our business holdings and we are now involved in a number of industries - manufacturing, energy, health care, media, technology, hospitality, retail and tourism.

"Growing revenue and assets, however, is only part of the equation to our continued financial success. Not only have we balanced our budget every year since 1987, that budget has provided additional program funding each and every year. A very important part of the financial equation, however, is making the most of the dollars that we have."

One example of resource stewardship, Gov. Anoatubby said, was the repayment of bonds used to build the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

In December 2007, the Chickasaw Nation issued $90 million in bonds to help finance construction of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Total cost of the medical center was more than $150 million, with tribal business revenues used to fund the remaining costs. The balance owed on those bonds is now less than $7 million and a sinking fund has been established to retire the remainder of that debt in December 2018, 14 years ahead of schedule.

"Our employees, across every department, are continually engaged in the conservation of tribal funds and expansion of stewardship initiatives," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We call it 'responsible stewardship.' Tribal resources are put to work in very visible ways."

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Chickasaws honored at annual Arts & Culture gala

Chickasaw artist Sue Fish was honored with the prestigious Silver Feather Award during the annual Arts & Culture Awards Sept. 29. Ms. Fish received the award from Governor Bill Anoatubby, right, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel during a ceremony at at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Photo by Marcy Gray.

SULPHUR, Okla. – A Chickasaw suicide prevention advocate, a historic preservationist and Southeastern artists were among those recognized and honored during the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Award ceremony Sept. 29 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Shelby R. Rowe, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was named the 2016 Dynamic Woman of the Year by Governor Bill Anoatubby.

Ms. Rowe is the manager of education and prevention programs for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

"Ms. Rowe exemplifies what it means to be a dynamic Chickasaw woman," Gov. Anoatubby said. "For more than 20 years, she has been serving in Public Health, and has been a leader in suicide prevention since 2007. Her dedication has undoubtedly saved many lives."

Ms. Rowe has has dedicated herself to fighting the prejudice and discrimination that affects those touched by suicide.

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Chickasaw Nation elected officials sworn in Oct. 3

ADA, Okla. - Five Chickasaw Nation officials elected during the July general election were sworn into office Monday, Oct. 3, at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada.

Four legislators and one tribal Supreme Court Justice took the oath of office. Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon administered the oath.

From left, Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Mark H. Colbert, along with Chickasaw legislators Timothy K. Colbert, Linda Briggs, Lisa J. Billy and Beth Alexander were sworn into office during the Oath of Office ceremony Oct. 3 in Ada, Okla.

Legislators Beth Alexander, Lisa Johnson-Billy, Linda Briggs and Tim Colbert each affirmed their oath of office.

Supreme Court Justice Mark Holmes Colbert was also sworn into office during the ceremony.

Mrs. Alexander, of Achille, will continue to represent Panola District Seat 1; Mrs. Briggs, of Marietta, will continue to represent Pickens District Seat 3; Mr. Colbert, of Sulphur, will continue to represent Tishomingo District Seat 2; and Mrs. Billy, of Lindsay, took the oath to represent Pontotoc District Seat 5. Mrs. Billy was elected to fill the seat of retiring Pontotoc District legislator Mary Jo Green, of Ada.

Justice Mark Colbert, of Ardmore, was reaffirmed to Seat 1 on the court during the ceremony. Chickasaw Legislators and Supreme Court Justices serve three-year terms.

The Chickasaw Nation Legislature is comprised of 13 members, elected from the Chickasaw Nation's four legislative districts: Panola, Pickens, Pontotoc and Tishomingo.

Upcoming Events Cont'd

GOURDget Class
Dec. 6, 6:30-8 p.m.
Arts and Humanities Building
Ada
(580) 272-7781

Fine Arts Market
Dec. 10
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

Christmas Progressive Dinner
Dec. 10, 4-8 p.m.
(580) 371-9835
- Chickasaw White House
Milburn
- Chickasaw Council House
- Chickasaw Bank Museum
- Chickasaw Capital House

All in Tishomingo, Okla.

GOURDget Class
Dec. 13, 2-4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery and Studios
Sulphur
(580) 272-7781

Holiday Art Market and Show
Dec. 17, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

Holiday Canvas Paint
Dec. 19, 10 a.m.- noon and 1-3 p.m.
- ARTesian Gallery and Studios
Sulphur
(580) 272-7781
- Arts and Humanities Building
Ada
(580) 272-7781

Butterfly Art Contest

Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities announces the 2017 Butterfly Art Contest. The winning butterfly serves as artwork on the materials promoting the 2017 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference.

A butterfly is symbolic of the beauty, inspiration and determination of Chickasaw women throughout history.

One piece of artwork may be submitted on art paper, canvas or art board, between 10 and 20 inches in size.

Artists must be female Chickasaw citizens, ages 14-18. **Deadline to submit artwork is Monday, Nov. 28, 2016.**

The 2017 winning artist will receive a $500 cash award.

For more information, guidelines or an entry form, contact Paul Baken at (580) 272-5520 or paul.baken@chickasaw.net.

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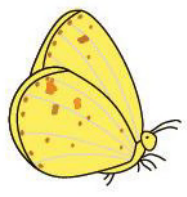

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Building for the future

The tribe has more than a dozen construction projects underway in communities across south-central Oklahoma. In Purcell, an expansion of the health clinic, as well as construction of a new area office and wellness center are all nearing completion.

In Oklahoma City, the tribe recently broke ground on a senior center, as well as a community center on property previously owned by the Sportsman's Club. The community center and senior center, which will serve hundreds of Chickasaws in the area, are the first such facilities to be built outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.

In Ada, five new facilities are under construction on the campus of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. These include a new violence prevention center, women's recovery center, Emergency Medical Services building, Veterans Lodge and Apila Center.

The Apila Center will house administrators and staff responsible for organizing the day-to-day operations of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. More than 100 employees will move from the medical center to the Apila Center.

This will free up about 29,000 square feet of space in the medical center that will be used to expand medical services, including family practice, internal medicine, optometry, mental health and pediatrics.

"We have been building medical support facilities and expanding medical services for good reason," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Patient visits to the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and clinics continue to increase. This year alone, we have already had more than 815,000 patient visits to our health care facilities."

In Tishomingo, six construction projects are scheduled for completion within the next two months. These include a new community center, senior center and Head Start building. The building formerly used as a health clinic is being remodeled for a new Tishomingo Area Office and a Youth Club.

Tourism

An information center nearing completion in Tishomingo is part of the tribe's tourism initiative. The information center will serve as a gateway for the many attractions in the area, including the Chickasaw Capitol Building and Council House Museum, Chickasaw White House, Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge and Blue River.

"We are proud of Tishomingo, our historic capitol," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We want visitors to the Chickasaw Nation to explore our history."

The "Adventure Road" campaign is an integral part of the tourism initiative. Now entering its second year, the campaign generated 385,000 new trips in 2015, resulting in approximately $647 million in visitor spending from March to September 2015.

Gov. Anoatubby noted Adventure Road continued drawing visitors to Chickasaw Country attractions, including the Artesian Hotel and the Chickasaw Cultural Center. The Artesian has hosted more than 180,000 visitors since it opened three years ago. The Chickasaw Cultural Center reached the milestone of 500,000 visitors since it opened in 2010.

Several projects in the area are designed to enhance tourism. A new 65,000 square foot convention center was recently completed at WinStar World Casino in Thackerville.

"This convention center will usher in a new era of international conference and convention hosting that will draw more people to Chickasaw Country than ever before," Gov. Anoatubby said.

A large suspension footbridge connecting the Chickasaw Cultural Center with the Chickasaw National Recreation Area is also nearing completion.

"This bridge will be an important symbol of the partnership and connection between the park and the tribe," Gov. Anoatubby said. "And will become a destination in its own right."

Education

Partnerships are also an important aspect of the Chickasaw Nation strategy to offer educational opportunities from early childhood through adulthood.

"We continue to foster partnerships with institutions of higher education," Gov. Anoatubby said. "The Chokka' Kilimpi' Recruitment and Retention program, for instance, works with the University of Oklahoma, the University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma City Community College to assist Chickasaw students with finding funds, developing strong study habits and attaining employment after graduation."

The Chickasaw Nation has also partnered with Oklahoma State University to develop the Center for Sovereign Nations, which recently celebrated its one-year anniversary. The center promotes the success of Native American students by connecting them to scholarships and resources and promotes the understanding of sovereignty with monthly Sovereignty Speaks luncheons.

University of Oklahoma President David Boren recently announced the Native Nations Center, which will be led by Chickasaw citizen Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham. As Chair of Native American Studies, Dr. Cobb-Greetham will promote curriculum in tribal governance, indigenous arts, and Native language, history and culture.

Another important development is the foundation of the Chickasaw Nation Native American Law Chair at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. This is the first Native American Law Chair to be held by a permanent faculty member at any law school in the United States.

Early childhood education is also a high priority for the Chickasaw Nation. A new child development center will open soon in Ardmore, offering a welcoming environment for children, and bringing 70 new jobs.

"Our children and grandchildren are our future, and we want to ensure they succeed," Gov. Anoatubby said. "For that reason, we continue to build early childhood education and child development centers."

Youth Services

In addition to offering education opportunities to youth, the tribe also offers a variety of active learning environments after school and during the summer months

"We continue to develop camps, clinics and academies that inspire our youth and provide them with the opportunity to pursue their interests and develop important skills," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This year, more than 2,000 youth attended different camps and academies where they learned a diverse range of skills, from business entrepreneurship to athletics, and from art to the sciences."

More young people are participating in youth programs, such as the Summer Youth Program, which saw participation almost double. Summer Youth provides workforce training and experience to youth ages 14 to 21, with the goal of enabling participants to acquire new skills in a workplace environment and encourage interest in education in specific career fields.

"As more and more young people continue to participate in these camps, academies and programs, and continue to engage, learn and grow, we are confident our people will do greater things than we ever imagined," Gov. Anoatubby said. "The strength of our youth is the result of the strength of Chickasaws that have come before."

Gov. Anoatubby also updated the audience on "Te Ata," the feature film produced by the Chickasaw Nation, which has played to sold-out audiences at several film festivals across the U.S. and will be showing at more film festivals this month.

Te Ata was a Chickasaw storyteller who earned international fame presenting a unique one-woman show of Native American culture to audiences across the United States and Europe. She performed at the first State Dinner hosted by President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Gov. Anoatubby closed his address emphasizing the importance of remaining diligent.

"We have seen tremendous progress in every area," he said. "Through hard work by thousands of employees and with your support, much has been accomplished. But there is still more we can do and we are doing. We work every day to enhance the overall quality of life of Chickasaw people – all Chickasaw people. There is much for which we should be, and are, truly thankful.

"The state of the Chickasaw Nation is the strongest it has ever been – and getting stronger."

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Learn all about you during Native American Heritage Month

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

November is "Native American Heritage Month." This month offers the perfect time to study your tribe, your family and your heritage! There are plenty of great websites and books available to make your investigation satisfying and rewarding.

Native American Heritage Month can probably trace its history back to the early years of the 20th Century. Dr. Arthur Parker, a Seneca Indian, Indian activist, and director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y., lobbied for a national day of recognition. Dr. Parker was a founder of the Society of American Indians and the National Congress of American Indians. He did not succeed in securing a national day for Indian recognition, but he did convince the Boy Scouts of America to establish a day for "First Americans" in 1912.

Another activist employed a novel model to gain recognition for Indians. In 1914, Rev. Red Fox James, a Blackfeet Indian, traveled to Washington, D.C., on horseback to petition President Wilson for an "Indian Day." Unsuccessful in that endeavor, he later traveled to many states, again on horseback, to build support among the states' governors. He secured 24 gubernatorial endorsements backing an "Indian Day."

A bit later, the American Indian Association met in Lawrence, Kansas and passed a resolution directing its president to call upon the country to recognize American Indian Day. Association president Rev. Sherman Coolidge (Arapaho) issued a proclamation Sept. 28, 1915 designating the second Saturday in May as American Indian Day.

The first state to actually declare American Indian Day was New York. That state's governor declared the second Saturday in May, 1916 "American Indian Day." This was actually some years before many Indian people were finally recognized as U.S. citizens. While Chickasaws became citizens earlier, most Indians did not become citizens until 1924.

There were other early quests, but the full recognition of Native American Heritage Month would not come until 1990 when President George H.W. Bush declared November "National American Indian Heritage Month." The month recognizes the myriad contributions of Indian people and tribes to American society, and celebrates the cultures, traditions and histories of Native people.

The following year, President Bush signed a Senate Joint Resolution designating 1992 the "Year of the American Indian," and interesting juxtaposition to the year's recognition of the Columbus Quincentennial.

The Chickasaw Nation offers many opportunities for you to explore your special heritage. Take advantage of what is available to you and you will almost certainly be led to new levels of discovery! The Holisso Center on the campus of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla., is a great place to start.

There are so many ways today to reconnect with the Chickasaw Nation. You could read one of the many volumes related to the tribe published by the Chickasaw Press. You can enjoy a full-length movie like the Chickasaw Nation-produced "Pearl" about the life of Chickasaw aviatrix Pearl Carter Scott, or the newly-released "Te Ata," the story of the famed Chickasaw performer and storyteller.

As a Chickasaw, you have many routes to discovery!

This month, Native American Heritage Month, take time to reach out and build that bond with your people, your tribe. Open your mind to what is possible! I believe you will be thrilled at what you discover!

ARTS & CULTURE AWARDS | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Zane Browning, center, was honored with a Chickasaw Historical Society Service award by Governor Bill Anoatubby, right, and historical society chairman Michael Cornelius. The award was presented Sept. 29 during the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards ceremony at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Photo by Marcy Gray.

Chickasaw Shelby Rowe, center, receives the 2016 "Dynamic Woman of the Year" from Governor Bill Anoatubby, right, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel. Ms. Rowe was honored with the award Sept. 29 during the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards ceremony at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Photo by Marcy Gray.

Cherokee artist Troy Jackson's sculpture was named 2016 Southeastern Art Show and Market "Best of Show." Mr. Jackson received the honor for the fifth consecutive year. Presenting the award are Governor Bill Anoatubby, right and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel. Photo by Marcy Gray.

She played a key role in the creation of the first Arkansas State Plan for Suicide Prevention, served on the board of the National Association of Crisis Center Directors and spearheaded the Arkansas Suicide Prevention initiative. As executive director of the Arkansas Crisis Center, she expanded the statewide crisis hotline chat services. She is also the former president of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Arkansas Chapter.

Ms. Rowe earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and philosophy from Oklahoma State University and a Master's of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Following the tradition of a strong Native woman, she is involved with her adult sons, Austin Greer, Trevor Greer and Micaiah Kaiser. She is the daughter of Robert Rowe and Penny Quinnelly, granddaughter of the late Mona Lee Godfrey Rowe and Wayne Rowe and a descendant of a dynamic Chickasaw woman and 19th century women's rights movement pioneer, Elizabeth "Betsy" Love Allen.

Ms. Rowe credited her Chickasaw family support for being named Dynamic Woman.

"I've always been proud of my Chickasaw heritage and the amazing women in our tribe," she said. "My life mission has always been to be ready to notice an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. I get to do that every day of my career and I am very proud to get to do that as a Chickasaw woman and I am very proud to be honored. This is the biggest honor of my life."

Established in 2006, the Dynamic Woman of the Year Award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the Nation, serve as role models to other Chickasaw women and who have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and society at large.

Silver Feather

Chickasaw artist Sue Fish received the prestigious 2016 Silver Feather Award.

Known for her basketry, Ms. Fish demonstrates her art at community and tribal events, sharing her passion for preserving tribal languages and culture. She has created and researched Southeastern basketry for 30 years and works to revive the art of river cane basketry.

"Ms. Fish's commitment and dedication are fine examples that help preserve Chickasaw culture," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Her efforts to preserve and revitalize Chickasaw basketry is an invaluable contribution to Chickasaw culture and heritage."

Ms. Fish joined the team of the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum, Oklahoma, in 2007 as assistant to the chief financial officer. She also served 17 years with the University of Oklahoma's American Indian Institute and 10 years working with the Chickasaw Nation. She is vice president of the Oklahoma Native American Basket Weaver's Association and a member of the Oklahoma Basket Weaver's Guild.

The daughter of the late Kelsie (Alexander) Morris and the late Colson Miller, Ms. Fish is a Chickasaw citizen who is also of Choctaw descent. Her grandparents, Watt and Minnie (Nelson) Alexander and Colbert and Lula (Frazier) Miller are all original enrollees.

Ms. Fish lives in Norman, Okla., with her husband, Willie Fish. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Ms. Fish accepted the award, one of the highest honors given by the Chickasaw Nation, saying her dedication to preserving the art of Southeastern basket making stems from a desire to maintain the heritage, culture and traditions of the Chickasaw people.

"It's been a long labor of love, and being recognized tonight is something very special to me and I will treasure it greatly," she said.

Created in 1999, the Silver Feather Award honors Chickasaws who have committed their lives to the preservation and revitalization of Chickasaw culture, language and life ways.

Past recipients include Adam Walker, Pauline Walker, Charlie Carter, Juanita Byars, Sim Greenwood, Geneva Holman, Leerene Frazier, Rose Jefferson, Stanley Smith, Marie Beck, Jerry Underwood, Catherine Pickens Willmond, Weldon Fulsom, Emma McLeod, Jerry Imotichey, Virginia Alexander Bolen and Sam Johnson.

Chickasaw Historical Society Service Award

Zane Browning, of Mabank, Texas, was honored with a Chickasaw Historical Society Service award. A charter member and vice-chair of the board of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Mr. Browning served several years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In 1979, he was named superintendent of the BIA's Ardmore office where he served for more than 14 years during an important and formative period for the Chickasaw Nation's modern government.

In this role, he assisted in establishing Chickasaw Nation compacts creating tribal authority for programs previously overseen by the BIA. He also facilitated the return of the official seal of the Chickasaw Nation, which was discovered in the BIA's vault.

During his service to the Chickasaw Nation, he helped establish the Ardmore Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic, and expand tribal services to Purcell.

Mr. Browning received the Meritorious Service Award from the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1991 in recognition of his dedicated service and outstanding contributions on behalf of Indian people. He was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in 2007.

He is a graduate of Haskell Institute and attended Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. Browning received a Chickasaw Historical Society medallion and a copy of the gubernatorial resolution signed by Gov. Anoatubby June 22, 1994, inducting Mr. Browning to the historical society.

SEASAM winners

Awards were also presented to winners of the Southeastern Art Show and Market.

The top winners in each category were:

Best in Show – Troy Jackson, Cherokee

Best in Division, Cultural – Kristie Vann, Cherokee

Best in Division, 3D art – Troy Jackson, Cherokee

Best in Division, 2D art – Norma Howard, Chickasaw/Choctaw

The show is open to all artists of Southeast and Woodlands tribes. The winning artworks, as well as works from more than 85 participating artists, were showcased Sept. 30 -Oct.1 at Chickasaw Nation Capitol grounds during the 2016 Annual Meeting and Festival.

Chickasaw Press, White Dog Press publications

New Chickasaw Press and White Dog Press publications were also released during the awards ceremony.

Chickasaw Press unveiled two new titles, including "Toli: Chickasaw Stickball Then and Now," by Stanley Nelson and "Chickasaw Women Artisans," by Alison Fields.

"Toli: Chickasaw Stickball Then and Now," explores the game of to'li' through the eyes of the Chickasaw people.

In this collection of profiles "Chickasaw Women Artisans," delves into the artistry, inspiration and journeys of 20 Chickasaw artists.

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The app "Chikasha Stories, Volume One: Shared Spirit" was also introduced. This app features five traditional Chickasaw stories and is available for both iOS and Android devices.

For more information on the books and other Chickasaw Press publications, please visit www.chickasawpress.com.

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DONATE LIFE
John gave Rob, his high school friend, a life-saving kidney.
"Rob and I have been friends since Mid High and High School at Edmond Memorial. There are about 5 or 6 of us that make up a core group that have remained close all these years. When I got my driver's license I checked the box to become a donor, but I didn't think much about it until Rob told me his kidneys were failing."
"John offered to get tested as a donor the first time I told him about my kidney disease. For years I felt fine, so I put him off as long as I could. When my symptoms became more severe, my wife and I prayed about it and decided to accept John's offer of a kidney in August 2010. Everyone in the recovery room stopped to watch us 'high five' after we woke up from surgery.
Organ, eye and tissue donation saves lives. Please make your decision to donate life and tell your family. Register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor on your Oklahoma driver's license or state ID card or register online at www.LifeShareRegistry.org. If you don't have a license or state ID card and do not have internet access, call 800-826-LIFE (5433) and ask for a donor registration card.
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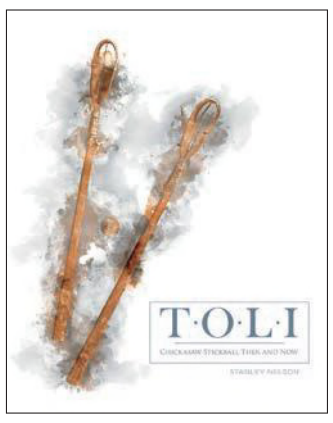
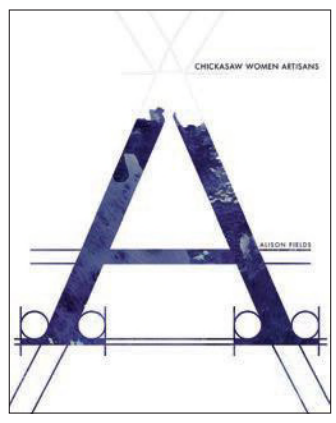
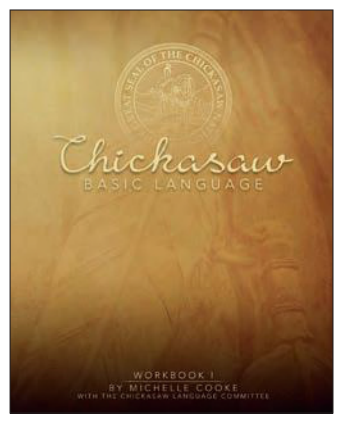
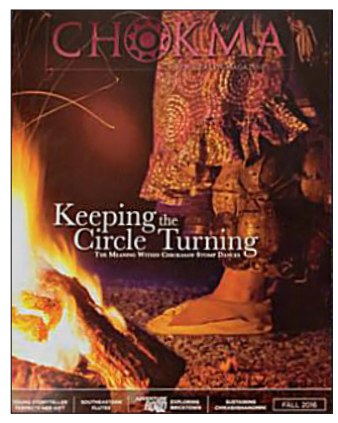
'Mission', 'Toli', 'Artisans', 'Language', 'Chokma', 'Chikasha Stories' app

Chickasaw Press, White Dog Press release new titles









The Chickasaw Press and White Dog Press released three new titles during the Sept. 29 Chickasaw Cultural Evening at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Mission to Space **by John Herrington**

Hardcover and Paperback

Astronaut John Herrington shares his passion for space travel and his Chickasaw heritage as he gives children a glimpse into his astronaut training at NASA and his mission to the International Space Station. Learn what it takes to train for space flight, see the tasks he completed in space and join Cmdr. Herrington on his spacewalk 220 miles above the earth. This unique children's book is illustrated with photos from Cmdr. Herrington's training and space travel and includes an English-to-Chickasaw vocabulary list with space-related terms.

Toli: Chickasaw Stickball Then and Now **by Stanley Nelson**

Hardcover and Paperback

Stanley Nelson takes a look at the game of to'li' through the eyes of the Chickasaw people. He explores its importance not only as a recreational activity but also as a cultural phenomenon, teasing out clues to Chickasaw cultural and societal norms embedded in the game's past. Intended as a broad introduction to to'li', the book includes a history of the game, a look at recent revitalization efforts, and historical and modern perspectives on rules, uniforms, and equipment.

Chickasaw Women Artisans

by Alison Fields

Hardcover

In this collection of profiles, Alison Fields explores the artistry, inspiration and individual journeys of 20 female Chickasaw artists. The women featured represent an eclectic mix of artistic genres, age groups, personal geography, educational experiences and family backgrounds – yet all are connected to their art and each other, through their Chickasaw heritage.

Chickasaw Basic Language

by Michelle Cooke with the Chickasaw Language Committee

Workbook I

Paperback

Learn basic Chickasaw vocabulary and grammar structure with Chickasaw Basic Language: Workbook I. Beginning Chickasaw-language learners are provided easy-to-read lessons, vocabulary lists, quizzes, tests and a comprehensive answer key. The workbook is suitable for classroom learning or personal study and incorporates both of the accepted Chickasaw spelling systems (Humes and Munro-Willmond) in each lesson.

Chokma Chickasaw Magazine

Chokma Chickasaw Magazine is a biannual publication for the Chickasaw Nation that connects people to each other and illuminates what it means to be Chickasaw. Explore the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation, meet Chickasaw citizens living unique lives, and experience food, fun, and road trips along the scenic Adventure Road corridor. Southeastern art, health and fitness, recipes – even a children's page – all await you in a picturesque, thought-provoking style.

Chikasha Stories

Volume 1: Shared Spirit

App

Available iOS and Android

Based on the award-winning book of the same title, the Chikasha Stories, Volume One: Shared Spirit App features five traditional Chickasaw stories, presented in both Chickasaw and English. Highlighted narration allows children of all ages to follow along in either language, while interactive images let users touch animals and objects on the screen to hear the name spoken in Chickasaw and English. Available for both iOS (Apple App Store) and Android (Amazon) devices.

To learn more about these exciting titles, contact the Chickasaw Press at (580) 436-7282 or www.chickasawpress.com.

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Prairie dresses, beadwork

Traditional attire, jewelry brought to life by Chickasaw women

Mary Shackleford and her daughter, Amanda John, stand by a display of a traditional Chickasaw "prairie dress" that Mrs. Shackleford manufactured, including the elaborate glass beaded collar and "lightning" sash.

Chickasaw sisters Joyce Wesley and Ruth Howard at their table featuring glass beaded collars, earrings and necklaces.

SULPHUR, Okla. – In 1830, the first of the Five Civilized Tribes were removed from Southeastern tribal homelands to Indian Territory.

One of many items all five tribes brought with them were women's "prairie dresses," a blend of fabrics, ribbons and beading made possible by trade with Europeans.

Chickasaw artisan Mary Shackleford replicates the beauty and symmetrical flow of the prairie dress. The attire is worn by Chickasaw women at special functions such the 56th Annual Chickasaw Meeting and Festival, Sept. 29 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Almost 200 years ago, prairie dresses were worn every day.

"Plain prairie dresses were the usual attire – with apron – for women," Mrs. Shackleford said. "What would have been set aside for special occasions and ceremonial use would have been the beaded glass collar, ornate aprons and handwoven sash belts."

Mrs. Shackleford and her daughter, Amanda John, were among dozens showing works in the Traditional Chickasaw Village at the Chickasaw Cultural Center during the tribe's annual Cultural Evening.

On display was a red blouse and dress and a plain white apron. But bodice work consisting of blue, red and yellow glass beads, and blue and white ribbons, set the garment off. A red, white and blue "lightning" sash adorned the finished garment constructed by Mrs. Shackleford.

"This garment is more representative of what a Chickasaw woman would have worn in 1830," she said. "My husband saw a photograph or drawing of a Paris garment recently that looked almost exactly like this. So, we accepted a lot of fashion ideas from the Europeans when we traded with them."

An estimated 2,000 Chickasaws and special guests poured onto the campus of the Chickasaw Cultural Center Sept. 29 for a traditional dinner, cultural events and demonstrations. Attendees also learned who would be named Chickasaw Dynamic Woman of the Year, and who would be honored with the Silver Feather Award and Chickasaw Historical Society Service Award.

As they made their way to the traditional meal, many passed by displays from various artisans.

Among them was Rena Smith, a Scappoose, Oregon Chickasaw who specializes in making pucker-toed moccasins and has won awards multiple times at art shows where she shows her craft. She attempts to stay as true as possible to the historically correct elements of the moccasins worn for centuries by Chickasaw tribal members.

Among the plethora of footwear on display was a pair of "slip-on" lace-up moccasins.

"These are really old, but it gives you an idea of how basic moccasins were made," Ms. Smith said. "It is a simple oval cut that would have surrounded the foot and been held in place by laces of sinew."

The shoe, she said, would not have been worn by Chickasaws.

Pucker-toes moccasins are more demanding to produce. Ancient Chickasaws would have made them mostly from deer or elk hide. The footwear would have been approximately ankle high, providing greater protection from briers, thorns, and sharp objects along the forest floor. Tribal hunters would have been equipped with moccasins high up the thigh to ward off cold and nature's menu of plants that scratch and tear flesh.

"It is pretty amazing how functional the moccasins were," Ms. Smith noted. "They were long-lasting and took a fair share of abuse."

Two Chickasaw sisters – Joyce Wesley, of Milburn, Okla., and Ruth Howard, of Ada, Okla. – had a table full of glass bead work, including collars and bodice finery, along with earrings and other more modern adornments.

Ancient Chickasaw women were known to use central parts of conch shells which were shaped somewhat like railroad spikes, the heads serving to keep them from falling through the lobe of their ears.

Today, women wear beaded earrings and necklaces. The sisters had jewelry made from glass beads such as those traded in ancient times, as well as standard colorized beads for earring jewelry.

"We love doing it," Ms. Howard said of manufacturing the jewelry. "Earrings can be made quickly and so can necklaces if the beadwork is not elaborate in design."

"A beaded collar can take a lot of time," Ms. Wesley said.

Depending on what a customer requests, a collar can take up to several days. The sisters learned the art from relatives while growing up in California. Their father was sent west, they said, as part of the federal government's Indian Relocation Act.

They remember a long train ride to California and recall residing in a two-bedroom duplex when both started school.

The sisters spent their formative years in the Golden State, but eventually returned to Oklahoma because "it is where our family was."

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HOF Nominations accepted now

The Chickasaw Nation is currently accepting nominations for the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame. Nominations must be received by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Culture and Humanities by **5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 9.**

Nominees both living and deceased are eligible for this prestigious honor. Nominees must have distinguished themselves in their business, profession, craft or vocation, thereby bringing honor to the Chickasaw Nation, impacting fellow Chickasaw citizens or the community on a local or national level.

Nominees must be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation or be eligible to become a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. Nominees are not required to live in Oklahoma.

New inductees are honored with a plaque in the Chickasaw Nation Honor Garden. It is a beautiful and serene monument dedicated to individuals inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame. Located on the Chickasaw Cultural Center campus in Sulphur, Okla., the Chickasaw Nation Honor Garden is an original design inspired by the four directions and incorporating spiral symbols indicative of traditional Chickasaw culture.

Nomination forms are available at www.chickasaw.net/hof.

For more information, contact Brielle Helm at (580) 436-2603 or brielle.helm@chickasaw.net.

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56TH ANNUAL MEETING, 28TH CHICKASAW FESTIVAL

Governor Anoatubby delivers keynote at 'Indigenous Peoples Day'

EDMOND, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby spoke about triumph and victory for Native American tribes' culture, history and people Oct. 5 at the University of Central Oklahoma's (UCO) inaugural celebration of "Indigenous Peoples Day."

"Throughout history, Native people have faced many challenges to get where we are today," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Tribal people, he said, have endured hardships over the generations. Removal, Oklahoma statehood, individual allotment of land, boarding schools – all were great burdens.

However, the bulk of Gov. Anoatubby's message uplifted Native people, their accomplishments, endurance, histories and cultures.

"We are still here," he told a receptive crowd of approximately 130 UCO staff and faculty. "Our cultures, our histories and our traditions remain because it is with a spirit of determination, instilled in us by our ancestors, that we have persevered throughout history."

Gov. Anoatubby began his remarks by recalling the life and legacy of Mary Francis Thompson, better known by her stage name "Te Ata." She was born some 50 years after Chickasaw removal from the ancestral homelands. Her life began in the small, rural community of Emet, Indian Territory, in 1895.

Despite efforts to assimilate and acculturate Native Americans into mainstream society, "Te Ata had a burning in her soul and heart that told her we needed to maintain our Chickasaw heritage," Gov. Anoatubby said. "During this same time, a federal law prohibited Indian people from speaking their language, from practicing any of their traditions or acknowledging their heritage.

"Te Ata had a calling and that calling was to keep the heritage alive," Gov. Anoatubby said. "She began by telling stories to people who were not Indian. In keeping that alive, Te Ata would go to other tribes and find out what their stories were. So she told stories of the Chickasaw Nation and other tribes throughout this country.

"She performed before the president of the United States. She performed for heads of states, including the King and Queen of England, at a time when it was still illegal to practice (Native) traditions. She carried forward those stories that were so important to us."

Because of the policy, formally known as the Code of Indian Offenses, the federal government "was attempting to take our culture and our heritage away from us. This is a story of triumph and success," he said with a pause, "because we would not allow it.

"We had people from different tribes who refused to quit practicing their traditions. (They) said 'we're going to have our stomp dances. We're going to have our gatherings. Our language is still alive.'"

Traditional gatherings and cultural ceremonies, Gov. Anoatubby said, were conducted in secret. Had Indian people abandoned their beliefs, traditions and culture, much of what is celebrated today would have been lost.

UCO President Don Betz, along with faculty, announced in March the university would celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day to honor Native Americans who lived and thrived for centuries before the "discovery" of America by Italian explorer Christopher Columbus in 1492.

The university is one of few in the nation to celebrate the day this way. The city of Spokane, Wash., recently voted to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day.

The Chickasaw Nation celebrates the second Monday in October as "Piominko Day," honoring the Chickasaw leader born in 1750. Piominko allied the tribe with the fledgling United States, was honored by President George Washington and ensured Chickasaw Sovereignty through the 1786 Treaty of Hopewell.

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Unique partnerships

Chickasaw Plaza at ECU's Koi Ishto Stadium dedicated

ADA, Okla. – A four-way partnership was praised by Governor Bill Anoatubby and East Central University (ECU) President John Hargrave during dedication ceremonies at Koi Ishto Stadium.

The Chickasaw Nation, ECU, the City of Ada and Ada Public Schools all stepped up to make Chickasaw Plaza – a ticket, concession and restroom facility – possible at Koi Ishto Stadium and Norris Field on the ECU campus.

Officials of all four entities officially cut the ribbon to the new addition just hours before the Ada High Cougars took the field to face No. 2 ranked Carl Albert High School. The ECU Tigers played highly touted Henderson University the following day.

Both teams share the stadium named in honor of the Chickasaw Nation. Koi Ishto means "big cat" in the Chickasaw language and both teams have big cat mascots.

"Ada has become the most cooperative, collaborative, united, 'let's-work-together, roll-our-sleeves-up-and-get-it-done' city I have ever had the pleasure to live in," Dr. Hargrave said before a large gathering.

Gov. Anoatubby called Chickasaw Plaza "a very important addition to our community" and said the Nation was proud to have been a part of the partnership that made the plaza a reality.

Governor Bill Anoatubby, East Central University President John Hargrave and Ada Public Schools Superintendent Mike Anderson, center, cut the ribbon dedicating Chickasaw Plaza Sept. 9. The leaders were joined by tribal officials, ECU and Ada school students and teachers, state legislators and tribal legislators.

"In recent years, ECU and the Chickasaw Nation have collaborated on a number of projects," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Together, we support the arts and encourage Native American scholarship to inspire the next generation. We became partners because we understand the important role ECU plays in this community and to the Chickasaw Nation.

"ECU has improved the lives of many, many people and many of those people were Chickasaw. People who come here will see how we united behind a common cause."

Dr. Hargrave said the plaza was named for the Chickasaw Nation because the tribe had consistently stepped forward to lead cooperative efforts in education both at ECU and statewide. The very land ECU occupies was donated by Chickasaw citizen Daniel Hayes in 1909.

The Chickasaw Nation and ECU have partnered on many projects.

Other partnerships include a Native American studies minor available to students; formal Chickasaw language courses; the Hayes Native American Studies Center located on campus; the Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Courses explore history, literature, art, language, government and culture of the Chickasaw people; fine arts are practiced in Ataloa Theater, named for famed concert vocalist, educator, and Native American education advocate Mary Stone McClendon; and the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center.

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Inter-tribal Council supports quality health care for veterans

DURANT, Okla. – Leaders of the Inter-tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes gave updates on tribal activity, successes, completed projects and projects under construction at the final 2016 quarterly session Oct. 14.

Governor Bill Anoatubby announced the Chickasaw Nation had 14 construction projects underway – some near completion and some in the first phases of construction.

He announced that in January 2017, the Chickasaw Nation would host the Inter-tribal Council (ITC) in the recently completed WinStar Convention Center at Thackerville, Okla.

Gov. Anoatubby ran down the list of projects. Construction projects include senior sites, wellness centers, a child development center, Head Start, a youth center and more.

A senior site and community center are under construction in Oklahoma City to serve the large population of Chickasaws in the metroplex.

In other matters, a total of three resolutions were passed unanimously by the ITC.

A resolution opposed a transition away from Indian Health Service/Tribal Health Program Reimbursement Agreement Program to a standard reimbursement agreement. The ITC concentrated its concern over veterans' care.

Currently, Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Veteran's Administration (VA) have a memorandum of understanding to coordinate, collaborate and share resources to improve the health status of Native American veterans. The ITC said the VA recently informed tribes it would move to one standard reimbursement rate, which is opposed by ITC.

"Standard Reimbursement agreements (will) cause unnecessary pre-approvals, obstruct the continuity of care for veterans and infringe on IHS and tribal authority under the Indian Health Care Improvement act," the ITC said.

Leaders of the Five Civilized Tribes attending the Oct 14 Inter-tribal Council are, from left, Seminole Chief Leonard Harjo, Cherokee Chief Bill John Baker, Choctaw Nation Assistant Chief Jack Austin Jr., Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Muscogee Creek Chief James Floyd.

A second resolution supporting the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North Dakota for courageous leadership that has been the catalyst for changes in the federal consultation policies for all tribes was passed by ITC voting members. The ITC said "tribal nations across Indian Country have an inalienable right to self-determination of their tribal homelands."

A third resolution supports the planned construction of a casino by the Shawnee near Guymon, Oklahoma, in the Oklahoma panhandle.

The ITC announced its "enthusiastic support and unqualified endorsement of the Shawnee Tribe's Golden Mesa project," adding it will bring "substantial economic benefit, robust tourism, quality jobs, increased capital and private investment.

"The Shawnee Tribe's casino enterprise will elevate the economy by creating 175 new jobs and generating an annual payroll of $3.7 million," according to the ITC.

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Tribe, EPA sign pact supporting Chickasaw air, water quality

ADA, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently signed a "Tribal Environmental Plan" which could lead to federal funding for environmental projects important to the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Community Services Wayne Scribner was joined by Arturo Blanco, director, EPA-Office of Environmental Justice, Tribal, and International Affairs of Dallas, in signing the agreement which lists five environmental areas the Chickasaw Nation will be monitoring.

The areas include safe drinking water, clean water, ambient air control, toxic substances control and additional water studies which monitor streams, lakes, ponds and other sources to ensure safety and quality control. Water is considered a vital natural resource by the Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Scribner said Governor Bill Anoatubby has provided steadfast leadership on issues affecting the environment.

"Governor Anoatubby is committed to working with the EPA to help ensure proper stewardship of our natural resources, which benefits the tribe, our local communities and the state of Oklahoma," Mr. Scribner said. "He consistently provides the support we need to effectively address air and water quality issues. He is also at the forefront of cooperative efforts to establish long-term sustainable management of our water resources."

Linda Robins, director of environmental services, said the 48-page document will enable the tribe to take full advantage of the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program, commonly referred to as GAP. This program initially funds the efforts and provides guidance and support services to help the Chickasaw Nation reach goals and objectives expressed in the agreement.

Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Community Services Wayne Scribner and Arturo Blanco, director, EPA-Office of Environmental Justice, Tribal, and International Affairs of Dallas, sign a tribal environment agreement as the Chickasaw Nation Environmental Services team looks on. The team includes, from left, environmental specialists Cindy Gammons, Anita Uhles and Brandon Prince; environmental technician Don Harris; executive officer John Ellis; administrative assistant Christal Pruitt; environmental technician Jason Scott; and director Linda Robins.

After a year of EPA funding and guidance, the tribe assumes authority of its initiatives via the 1975 Indian Self-Determination Act.

Two examples of GAP funding cited by Ms. Robins were the Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center and the Chickasaw Nation Environmental Camp.

"The Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center is a place where people can donate used items they no longer want as well as pick up needed items and materials," Ms. Robins said. "There is no charge for this service."

The ReUse center was initially started using EPA "GAP" funding, she said, but is now fully funded by the Chickasaw Nation. The center is located at 2205 N. Broadway. Businesses, civic and community groups and individuals may drop off used building materials, office equipment, electronics, housewares and furniture.

The environmental camp was a critical topic of discussion among Mr. Blanco, Ms. Robins and Sec. Scribner during informal discussions prior to signing the agreement. Mr. Blanco was impressed with the Chickasaw Nation's dedication in teaching children how to recycle, conserve water, open awareness of alternative gardening methods while also introducing them to a plethora of environmental techniques referred to as "best practices" in teaching sound environmental stewardship.

Additionally, the Chickasaw Nation used GAP funding as an outreach tool to inform citizens of environmental stewardship, Ms. Robins said. Both programs are now fully funded by the Chickasaw Nation.

An interesting element in the agreement is "ambient air" quality. Ms. Robins said the Chickasaw Nation wished to test and evaluate the quality of air circulating at senior sites throughout the tribal territories. Success at this endeavor, she said, may lead to tribal experts beginning to test air outdoors as well.

"We are blessed to have strong leaders in our tribe who recognize the importance of this program," Ms. Robins said. "We have the support of Governor Anoatubby and Secretary Scribner in moving forward. Due to such leadership, we are able to accept GAP funding and apply it all toward our goals. Many tribes are not as fortunate and must take some of the GAP money to pay salaries which means less funding toward meeting and exceeding goals established in their agreements."

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Dynamic Women presenters sought

Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities is accepting presentation proposals for the 2017 Dynamic Women of The Chickasaw Nation Conference, April 27-28, 2017 at the Artesian Hotel & Spa in Sulphur, Okla.

This conference is a platform to showcase and recognize the dynamic and truly remarkable women of the Chickasaw Nation. The conference is full of wonderful presentations, breakout sessions and audience driven forums for all to enjoy.

The 2017 conference will be a full two-day event, giving the Chickasaw Nation the opportunity to offer more sessions and networking opportunities.

Applications can be found at www.chickasaw.net. **Proposal submission deadline is Dec. 15.**

For more information, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or rachel.wedlow@chickasaw.net.

Remember our veterans' service during this holiday season

CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Chickasaw citizens,

The Holiday season is upon us once again and is my favorite time of the year. The leaves are turning a bright red and orange, the days and evenings are becoming increasingly cooler and we have so much to be thankful for.

The Chickasaw Nation is one of the most blessed tribes in Indian Country. We are blessed to have such wonderful people as our citizens, we are blessed to have great leadership who puts our citizen's welfare first and we are blessed to be able to call each other family and friends.

I am thankful that God has allowed me to serve as your Legislator, I am thankful for my loving family, I am thankful for good health and well being, and I am most thankful to be an American citizen. Yet this privilege has come at a cost and that cost has been paid by our Veterans. The sacrifices that have been made over the years will not go unnoticed, and I want to personally say "Thank You" to the Veterans of this great country. During the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas season, many of our military will be away from home. Let's please keep them in our thoughts and prayers and thank them for their sacrifice as well.

We recently traveled to Sacramento, California to share in a gathering of citizens who live in the area. Their annual picnic is attended by approximately 200 Chickasaw citizens and family. The one thing I always love about going there is how welcome we feel. Phil Reynolds and his board go to great lengths to provide education, entertainment and fellowship among those attendees, not to mention great food. Thank you Phil Reynolds and his team for such a great time!

I want to wish each of you a blessed Thanksgiving Season,

Connie Barker
Tribal Legislator

We are thankful for the blessings we have received at the Chickasaw Nation

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chokma, chinchokma (Hello, how are you?).

October has been such a great month! It started off with our Annual Meeting and Festival, where we had the largest attendance ever recorded. We met Chickasaws from all over the United States and became reacquainted with many friends from years gone by.

Every person I spoke with raved about this year's festival as one of the best they had ever experienced. They spoke of the organization and convenience of having everything around the Capitol. Thank you to all of our wonderful employees who worked to make the Annual Meeting and Festival the success that it was!

The week after festival was our quarterly meeting with the Intertribal Council. Representatives and employees of the Five Tribes meet to share ideas and plan on ways to work together on issues that affect all Indian people in Oklahoma and elsewhere.

Thank you, also, to the Northern California Chickasaw Council for their great work in reaching out to all Chickasaws in northern California! Several legislators were able to attend their annual picnic, and we are always welcomed warmly. Getting to know Chickasaws across the United States is the best part of my job!

October always goes by way too fast because of the many activities, as well as the weather and colors of fall, which entice us to get outside more and enjoy it all before Old Man Winter rolls in. As we approach November, I am reminded that it's time to honor our veterans and prepare to give thanks. Thank you to all our veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces for your service to our country. Thank you is not enough for what you have been willing to do, and many have paid the ultimate price, to defend our country and our freedoms.

We in the Chickasaw Nation have much to be thankful for on this Thanksgiving and every day of the year. Our tribe has made remarkable progress over the years. Our businesses continue to thrive, which support over 200 programs and services for our people. We have been able to provide jobs for 14,000 people. We are able to provide scholarships to our young people to offer them hope for their future success. We have been able to revitalize our language, which was close to being lost at one time. The Rosetta Stone Chickasaw Language program will be available soon, and you can apply for it now at our website, www.chickasaw.net. It will be free to all Chickasaws so we can all learn our language at our own pace and make sure our children and grandchildren are learning as well.

We have many resources that have been made available to us by our tribe to not only learn the language, but also learn our history. I hope you will take advantage of all the many opportunities to be a part of our thriving, exciting, and growing tribe!

Please let me know if I can help you in any way. Happy Thanksgiving and may God bless you!

Chipisala cho anowa, Until I see you again,
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We can be thankful for the successes we enjoy at the Chickasaw Nation

TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chokma!

Greetings from the Tishomingo District!

November is a time when we are look forward to gathering around the Thanksgiving table with friends and family to celebrate the Thanksgiving season.

It is during this time of year, many people take time to tally their many blessings of family, friends, health and community.

We, as Chickasaw citizens, should also remember to give thanks for the blessings of the Chickasaw Nation.

During our 2016 Annual Meeting last month, Gov. Anoatubby reported on the strength of the Chickasaw Nation. The Chickasaw Nation is stronger than ever and our nation's future is brighter than ever.

We need to remember, our tribe's success positively transforms our ability to enhance the quality of life for all Chickasaws, as well as the lives of the thousands of Chickasaw Nation employees and their families.

Our financial gains are invested to sustain programs and services such as education, housing and health for the present, as well as the future of our tribe.

This holiday season; please take time to celebrate your Chickasaw culture and our tribe.

From adversity to prosperity, together, we have worked and persevered with one mission in mind: the progress of our great Chickasaw Nation.

Today, we are seeing success and prosperity not even fathomed in the early days of the re-establishment of our tribal government.

On a personal note, I want to express gratitude and thankfulness for your support in the new term, which I officially began with the Oath of Office ceremony last month. I am humbled and grateful to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Best wishes for a happy, joyful and safe Thanksgiving to you and your family.

As always, I thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Tim Colbert
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(580) 421-7242

Chickasaw named Enid softball coach of the year

Brad Hawkins, a Chickasaw citizen, was recently named softball coach of the year in Enid, Oklahoma.

Mr. Hawkins is the son of Larry and Joann Hawkins.

He is the grandson of the late Dora Greenwood and Opal Collins Poe, both full-blood Chickasaws.

Mr. Hawkins coaches boys basketball, girls fast pitch softball and is the principal at Kremlin-Hillsdale near Enid.

He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and holds a master's degree in education from Northwestern College and a master's degree in theology from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Hawkins and his wife, Marjorie, have three children. Their eldest son is a sophmore at East Central University and works for the Chickasaw Nation in the pharmacy. Their younger son is a high school senior and their daughter is a sophomore.

Chickasaw Nation businesses wrap up fiscal year with strong showing

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Department of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending September 30, 2016

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $20.9 million for the month and $204.5 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $16.1 million for the month and $151.9 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through September totaled $1.4 billion. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $313.7 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $134.7 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At September 30, 2016, the tribal government funds had $379.2 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $23.5 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $264.3 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of September 30, 2016, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $2.33 billion.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2016

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	25,459,633	1,376,950,410	1,402,410,043
Transfers From Businesses To Tribal Government		179,007,442	(179,007,442)	-
Total Funds Available		204,467,075	1,197,942,968	1,402,410,043
Expenditures				
General Government		7,143,508	-	7,143,508
Legislature		2,991,519	-	2,991,519
Judiciary		1,236,710	-	1,236,710
Education		27,833,055	-	27,833,055
Heritage Preservation		24,637,465	-	24,637,465
Health		22,539,977	-	22,539,977
Youth Services		7,042,906	-	7,042,906
Family Services		14,289,954	-	14,289,954
Nutrition Programs		7,640,383	-	7,640,383
Regulatory		11,504,313	-	11,504,313
Assistance Programs		25,056,857	-	25,056,857
Gaming Expense		-	788,958,905	788,958,905
Other Businesses' Expense		-	274,286,015	274,286,015
Total Expenditures		151,916,647	1,063,244,920	1,215,161,567
Increase In Net Assets		52,550,428	134,698,048	187,248,476
Beginning Net Assets		818,638,319	1,322,439,260	2,141,077,579
Ending Net Assets	$	871,188,746	1,457,137,308	2,328,326,054

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
September 30, 2016

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash And Investments	$	379,151,913	264,283,087	643,435,000
Receivables		13,697,997	101,687,617	115,385,613
Inventory		44,926	7,545,832	7,590,758
Prepaid Expenses		-	23,964,191	23,964,191
Other Assets		-	1,078,139	1,078,139
Fixed Assets		481,464,348	1,190,807,537	1,672,271,885
Less Payables		(3,170,438)	(132,229,095)	(135,399,532)
Net Assets	$	871,188,746	1,457,137,308	2,328,326,054

Tribe operates on fiscal year running October 1 through September 30

Hello Everyone,

I hope you and yours are doing well, and I want to say thank you to the Northern California Chickasaw Community Council for their hospitality and wonderful picnic. It was good to be in Sacramento in October!

The Chickasaw Honor Guard and the Chickasaw Dance Troupe were there and made the occasion that much more special.

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Visiting with people at the picnic reminded me of a seasonal issue about which I want to remind everyone.

The Chickasaw Nation government and its businesses adhere to a fiscal year schedule that is different from a calendar year. Rather than recognizing January 1 as the beginning of a year and December 31 as the end of a year, the Chickasaw Nation's fiscal year begins October 1 and ends September 30 each year.

This means that annual funding for programs and services generally begins October 1 and ends September 30.

Most programs and services have a limited amount of funds to be spent in a fiscal year and grant their resources to citizens on a first-come, first-served basis.

In other words, the early bird gets the worm!

Therefore, applications for programs and services have the best chance to be granted and funded in the upcoming or same fiscal year as they are submitted, if applications are completed and submitted on or before October 1, or as soon as possible after October 1.

What this means to individual Chickasaws is that you should, if at all possible, be applying now for programs and services you anticipate needing from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

For Chickasaws living inside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation, watch your mailbox for the 2017 Programs & Services book. For Chickasaws living outside the boundaries of the Nation, watch for your Services @ Large book. Last year, both books were sent out by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Communications headed by Robyn Elliott.

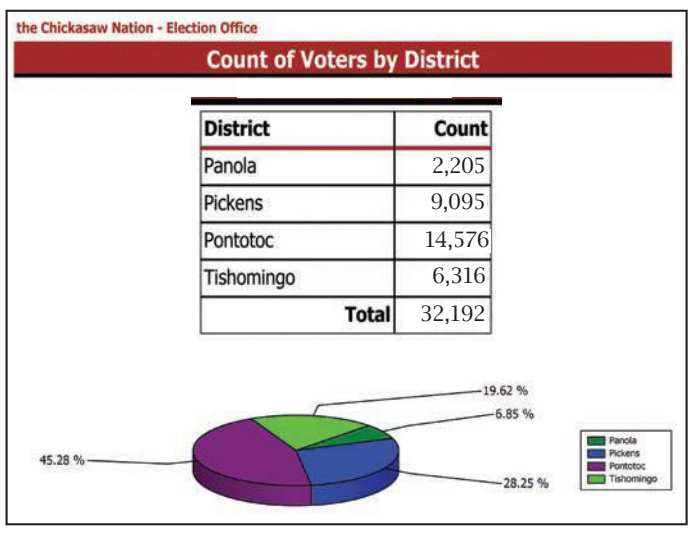
This year, there is a Chickasaw Programs and Services Apps available for Apple and Android devices.

Sometimes as we make applications for programs and services, we experience challenges. Should that happen to you, ask for help. Asking to speak to directors of the departments and secretaries of divisions is certainly acceptable in your effort to receive programs and services. Community Health Representatives and family members can also sometimes help with the red tape. Be persistent in your effort to access Chickasaw Nation programs and services.

The foremost purpose of any government is to help and serve its people. To that end, you can help the Chickasaw Nation to serve its foremost purpose by accessing and benefiting from programs and services.

Respectfully,

Katie



District	Count
Panola	2,205
Pickens	9,095
Pontotoc	14,576
Tishomingo	6,316
Total	32,192

Chickasaw Nation workers, volunteers helped make Annual Meeting great

I hope Annual Festival was as good for you as it was for me! Getting to visit with citizens is one of the highlights I enjoy! It is always great to fellowship with others Chickasaws!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL CHICKASAW NATION EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS for the hard work, effort and great attitude displayed at the Annual Meeting. It was a success! If you couldn't make it this year, begin now to plan for the 2017 Chickasaw Festival!

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Here we are in November; I am one year older, Tushka Chipota (my Great Dane) is one year older and another holiday is in our cross-hairs. 2017 will be here before we know it! Finish this year up strong!

It is with great sadness and with great joy that I share of the promotion of one of our Chickasaw Elders, Mr. Jerry Imotichey. Jerry was a fluent Chickasaw speaker, an advocate for language preservation, and a former Tribal Legislator. He followed in his father's ministerial footsteps by becoming a pastor, proclaiming the gospel and residing over Freedom Fellowship in Fillmore, Oklahoma.

Pastor Jerry and his wife, Janice celebrating the dedication of the new construction of Freedom Fellowship Church.

When I started to work as a Legislator, Jerry was quick to offer encouragement and support for me in all aspects of my job and faith walk. We spent many hours discussing Chickasaw tradition, culture and the responsibility of serving in an elected position. I am thankful for his mentorship-it was a God deal! He shall be missed, however, I look forward to seeing him again one day. Chi Pisa la Cho my friend.

"Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain." Philippians 2:16

Beth

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Chickasaw Nation court system offers advocates to help guide your case

CHOKMA,' CHINCHOKMA means "Hello, How are you?" The Judicial Department is doing well. We had a wonderful time at Annual Meeting October 1 at Tishomingo, Oklahoma. We were glad to see and visit with our families, friends and new friends at the annual gathering. The Festival activities and artist's booth exhibited were outstanding. Each year the Annual Meeting is a great time to remember the past gatherings and look forward to the upcoming year. The annual day was a great day to be proud of our heritage and hold your head high to be a proud Chickasaw. October was a busy month for the Judicial Department and we were so grateful to see all the trick or treaters at the Cultural Center. This month is November so remember to be thankful for your family and friends during the time we celebrate Thanksgiving.

CHERI BELLEFEUILLE-GORDOM

Chief Justice Supreme Court

The Judicial Department is comprised of a District Court, Peacemaking Court and the Supreme Court. The District Court hears cases involving adoption, guardianship, civil, divorce, and protective orders, name change, juvenile, Foreign Service, criminal, paternity and child support.

The Chickasaw Nation Judicial System is very unique in that we are a pro se court but we also have court advocates available to assist you in filing your paperwork, provide directions on service of the papers, provide information on presenting evidence to state your case to the Court, prepare orders or final decrees necessary to finalize the matter and the legal process in the Chickasaw Nation. Pro se means advocating on one's own behalf before a court, rather than being represented by a lawyer. The Court Advocate does not represent you, go to Court with any party or provide legal advice, but will advise you how to proceed with your legal question. One thing is important to provide truthful and complete information to the advocates and you the party can present your case to the Judge. The Court Advocates are available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for appointments. We have locations in Ada, Purcell and Ardmore to meet with the court advocates.

If you are interested in filing an action in our court system, please contact the District Court Clerk's Office at (580) 235-0279. You can always access the Chickasaw Nation Code at Chickasaw.net and then go to the Judicial Department webpage; the link to the Code is there for you to view the current laws of the Chickasaw Nation.

District News:

September 2016 Court Statistics

- 55 New court cases filed
- 257 Cases heard in court
- 96 citizens were assisted by court advocates

The District Court is currently looking for licensed attorneys in good standing and admitted to the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association who are interested in court appointed work to assist our citizens. Please contact Wayne Joplin, District Court Clerk, (580) 235-0279, if interested.

The Chickasaw Nation Bar Association will host its annual Winter CLE on December 2, 2016 at the fabulous Riverwind Casino Theatre Room. This year our current Chairperson Leslie Taylor has put together a group of speakers that you will not want to miss. There will be presentations on Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction in Indian Country, Updates on Indian Child Welfare Act, Estate Planning and Probate of Indian Property, Jury Trials 101 and Ethics.

This winter CLE is pending approval from the Oklahoma Bar Association for 6 credit hours, including one hour of legal ethics. Breakfast, lunch and a snack will be included in your registration. For information on this CLE or any additional questions about the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association, please call Ginger Sanders at (580) 235-0279 or by email at Ginger.Sanders@chickasaw.net.

On September 24, 2016, we had our Seeley Reunion at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area at Black Sulphur Springs. We had about 45 family members show up.

The men played "shoot the moon" and the women gathered and tried to solve all the world problems. I am actually getting old enough to peel and cut the potatoes. Let's just say it was a challenge due to the fact that two of my cousins are professionals at peeling and cutting. The standard was way out of my league. Delane Seeley and Truby Seeley DeShields are not to be challenged in this area. Junior Seeley and Larry Seeley are reigning champs until next year in shooting the moon. We all had a great time and laughed. The Seeley Reunion of 2016 was a great success.

It is my pleasure to report as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on a successful month of the Judicial Department.

CHIPISALA` CHO ANOWA means "Until I see you again."

Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon, please contact me. I would love to hear from you (580) 235-0281 or cheri.bellefeuille-gordon@chickasaw.net.

2015-2016 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Graduations

BROOKE GUNZELMAN

Brooke Gunzelman is a 2016 graduate of the University of Alabama. She is the daughter of Brian Gunzelman, of Arlington, Texas, and Beth Miles, of Golden, Colo., and the granddaughter of Patricia J. Myers, of Amarillo, Texas, who is the granddaughter of Nicholas Walthall, an original Chickasaw enrollee.

Ms. Gunzelman graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in communication and information sciences in public relations. Upon graduation, she entered the business world with a position at BrandJuice, a branding agency.

Ms. Gunzelman and her family appreciate the support and assistance of the Chickasaw Nation, and particularly the Division of Education, throughout her academic pursuits.

Chickasaw University of Oklahoma graduate now attending OU School of Law

JOHNATHON REYNALDO LOERA

Johnathon Reynaldo Loera graduated in May from the University of Oklahoma. As a member of Phi Beta Kappa, he graduated with honors from the College of Arts and Sciences with a bachelors degree in Native American studies, and well as a bachelors in political science.

While at OU, Mr. Loera served one year as president of Sigma Nu Alpha Gamma. He was active in the Native American community on campus, and strived to be a positive influence to other Native students. Johnathon also worked for Norris Marine while attending OU.

He is the son of Dr. Larry and Kimi Chambers, the grandson of the late Ilene Keel Davis, and also the grandson of Richard Taliaferro.

Mr. Loera is now attending OU School of Law, and remains active in campus activites. His wife, Kaeli, is also a student at OU, majoring in Sociology. She also plans to remain at OU to pursue her masters degree.

Congratulations

AMILIA GARCIA

Six-year-old Amilia Garcia, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, will be competing for the National American Miss National title in Anaheim, Calif. during the week of Thanksgiving representing the great state of Oklahoma, and the Chickasaw Nation. She competed in the National American Miss Oklahoma pageant on July 8-9, 2016. NAM is an all natural pageant, and any use of makeup is highly discouraged.

Amilia won the overall Queen and was crowned Miss Oklahoma Princess 2016. She won first in talent when she performed a tap dance, and second in causal wear modeling. The scores were based on personal introduction, interview, formal wear, and community involvement.

Amilia is active in softball, dance, competitive cheer, and has worked alongside the Non-Profit Organizations Post Up for ATV Safety, which promotes the use of helmets while riding four wheelers, and Tall Tails and Rescue, a local animal rescue organization.

Amilia is the daughter of Iver and Lisa Garcia; granddaughter of Jose and Karen Garcia, and Chickasaw citizen Jerry Sweet and Debbie Sliger; and great-granddaughter of the late Gladys Cravatt-Sweet, a Chickasaw citizen, and the late Lewis Sweet.

Chickasaw golf pro recognized

CHRIS ROWE

Chickasaw citizen Chris Rowe has recently been recognized for his superior golf teaching program.

Mr. Rowe is head golf professional at Whispering Pines in Trinity, Texas. He recently won the 2016 Harvey Penick Teaching award for the third time.

This prestigious award is presented annually by the Southern Texas PGA to a PGA instructor in south Texas. It is a very special award named for one of the Southern Texas PGA's favorite sons. To be associated with the name of Harvey Penick is one of the highest compliments paid to a golf instructor.

Mr. Rowe is also a US Top 50 Kids Teacher. His work has been published in *Golf Digest* and writes monthly columns for *Houston Links* and *DFW Links* magazines.

He worked for 10 years at historic Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas before becoming head professional at the number one golf course in Texas.

He has worked 10 PGA Tour events, along with five Spirit International Golf Tournaments and five Big 12 Golf Championships. He is passionate about teaching the game of golf and making a difference in developing elite junior golfers.

Mr. Rowe grew up in Tishomingo, Okla., and at age 12 started playing golf. He quickly fell in love with the game and became a good player. He was a two-time All-State golfer in Oklahoma and received a golf scholarship to East Central University, Ada, Okla.

After college, he went to work at Dornick Hills Country Club in Ardmore, Okla. After three years of apprenticeship at Dornick Hills, he went to work at historic Colonial Country Club. He spent 10 years working under Dow Finsterwald, Jr., and then became head golf professional at Whispering Pines Golf Club.

Whispering Pines is a Top 100 club ranked in the U.S. by *Golf Digest* and *Golf* magazine. He was awarded the Harvey Penick Teacher of the Year award in 2007 and 2012 along with being named one of the Top 50 Kids instructors in North America. He is actively involved in the First Tee program with teaches the game of golf to more than 1,000 fifth-graders each year.

Whispering Pines hosts the Spirit International Golf Tournament along with the Big 12 Golf Championship, where Mr. Rowe helps facilitate as part of his golf professional duties.

Determination pays off in Eagle for Chickasaw Boy Scout

IAN WILLINGHAM

Delores Willingham says her son Ian's determination and perseverance became apparent soon after he was born.

"Ian started life as a five-week premature baby, weighing only five-pounds, five-ounces," she said.

Among other difficulties, Ian had trouble just getting nourishment.

"He fought through it," Mrs. Willingham said.

Ian (pronounced Eye-on), like his mom, is a Chickasaw.

One of his biggest challenges in earning the Eagle Scout designation, Mrs. Willingham said, was coming to the conclusion that he really wanted it.

"You could see he enjoyed what he was doing, that he enjoyed learning and earning merit badges and the fellowship," she said.

But like most young people, as he got older his priorities began to shift. He started driving at 16 and that allowed him to get a job at a retail store some distance from his home in Collinsville, Okla.

Earning a paycheck began to take precedence over attending Scout meetings. But it wasn't long before Ian realized he wanted to follow through on his original goal.

"It became a priority for him to make sure he had every Monday night off so he could go to the meetings," Mrs. Willingham said. "When he finally grasped that he wanted it, you could see the change. Something switched on inside of his head. He could see it, he wanted it and he was going to get it."

Now, at age 18, Ian doesn't have to go to the meetings anymore, but he has made it a priority again for another reason.

"Achieving this has made him enthusiastic toward helping someone else reach that goal as well," Mrs.Willingham said.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said Ian's attitude epitomized the Chickasaw spirit.

"The determination and perseverance Ian demonstrated to earn the rank of Eagle Scout is admirable," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Perhaps even more commendable is his enthusiasm for helping others."

Ian's Boy Scout troop leaders were a big influence in the process of his becoming an Eagle Scout.

"They really want to help those boys," Mrs. Willingham said. "They start early instilling in them that this is what it's about. This is what you want to achieve. But if they don't achieve it, that's okay, too. They still get the same support."

Ian is currently a student at Tulsa Technology Center. He is taking classes in aviation maintenance and attending the school's Aerospace Academy at the Riverside Campus in Jenks, Okla.

"He's always had an interest in diesel mechanics and is interested in possibly applying at Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology to get into their diesel mechanics program," Mrs. Willingham said.

Ian's name, with its long "I" sound, is taken from his father Brian's name.

"We didn't want a junior," Mrs. Willingham said. "We just dropped the 'Br' and named him Ian.

"We can't stress enough how proud we are of Ian. Even if he hadn't achieved Eagle Scout, he's an amazing young man. We truly know he's on the right path and this achievement solidifies it even more."

Chickasaw actor featured in acclaimed indie film

A Chickasaw citizen from Texas is a feature performer in an acclaimed independent film.

Michael Wayne Smith is a key actor in "Uncertain," and independent film that won acclaim at the 2015 Tribeca Film Festival.

"Uncertain" is the story of three men living in the small community of Uncertain, Texas. The town is on the Texas-Louisiana border. The distinguishing characteristics of the town are the swamp that runs through its center, and the fact that only men live there.

The county sheriff says about Uncertain, "You've got to be lost to find it."

Mr. Smith portrays Wayne, a recovering addict who seeks strength in his Indian roots. His obsession is wild hog hunting, particularly "Mr. Ed," a wily hog who continually eludes the fatal bullet.

"Uncertain" has received good reviews from *Rolling Stone* magazine and IndieWire.com.

Rolling Stone wrote "Uncertain" was a "must see" at the Tribeca Festival.

IndieWire.com wrote, "The filmmakers' textured approach to documenting the small community is at once a traditional cinema verite portrait and something far stranger – a mysterious look at alienation that feels oddly familiar in spite of its unique surroundings."

The film has received a grant from the Sundance Institute, the Utah independent filmmaking support organization founded by actor and director Robert Redford.

MICHAEL WAYNE SMITH

The "Uncertain" filmmakers are currently seeking a distribution deal.

Message from Chickasaw Princess Raechell Meely

Raechell Meely
2015 - 2016 Chickasaw Princess

Chukma!

Sa hulchafoat Raechell Meely. Chickasha ehn princess saya alalika assayopa.

My name is Raechell Meely and I am the 2015-2016 Chickasaw Princess. I want to thank each and every one of you for the support over the past year. They've worked hard and your support for them is everything, just as it has been for me.

Thank you to Governor Bill Anoatuby, and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel for allowing the Chickasaw Princess Program to exist and thrive.

I've been told over the past year I've been doing a pretty good job as a tribal representative. Although, I wouldn't have done this well if I didn't have the unforgettable and inspiring female role models I've had such as Carol Keel, Lisa Billy, Lisa John and Mary Ruth Barnes. I want to say a special thank you to Cheri Gordon, not only has she been one of the best role models I could have, but she's supported me since before I could remember. I want to also thank Hena Pittman, who thought of having a song translated from English into Chickasaw. She didn't call me crazy, She took the words I gave her and got to work.

Thank you to my work family, especially Lori and Carl. You have been so supportive from the moment I decided to compete for this title, from working around my schedule to even helping me put on my regalia. I have been so blessed to have you guys as my bosses. No matter where I go in life, I'll always remember my first job and the family I had there for years.

I would also like to acknowledge my Little Miss Chickasaw, Lauren Paige Key. Not only do we share a middle name, but we share a love of music, traveling and many meaningful memories. It saddens me to know we won't be traveling together anymore. But no matter what happens we will always be princesses, and you'll always be my sister. I know we'll still see each other, so I'll do my best to stop the tears. I love you dude.

Lauren John, throughout this year I have learned a lot about you. I've treasured our girl talks and time together. No matter what happens, I want you to always be yourself and do whatever makes you happy. As confused as you may have made me, I'm going to miss your intellectual babbling and love for Dr. Pepper. Remember to keep your head up and take lots of naps, I love you much kiddo.

Mary, thank you for always being you and taking care of us when we are on your watch. You put in endless hours of work and emails to make sure the program is taken care of properly. I just want everyone to know that you are truly Superwoman. You've asked me before what I would do if you weren't my coordinator. If that were true then I probably wouldn't be so emotional right now. You've left an enormous inspirational and emotional impact on me. I couldn't ever thank you enough for all you've done. Thank you for being such an amazing role model and I wish you all the best in everything you do. I'm going to miss singing with you in the vehicle at the top of our lungs. I'll also miss going to the Cheesecake Factory with you and never actually ordering cheesecake. I love you so very much and thank you for doing your best to ensure I had an amazing year.

Lori, I love you more than the world for putting up with me, for being my cousin, best friend and basically sister. I'm so glad you were able to go with me on my last trip. Thank you for always being there for me. I know you'll raise your baby girl to be all that you hope for, especially considering you unknowingly raised me to be who I am today. No matter the situation you've always stuck by me. Your father would be so proud of the amazing woman he raised. I'm incredibly blessed to call you family.

To Jordan and Jayme, thank you two for being my biggest supporters and never telling me there was something I couldn't do. You guys have always told me I could do anything, and it's because of you two that I'm where I am now. I couldn't thank you enough for all the love and support, and I'm so thankful to have you both in my life. Jordan, thank you for teaching me right from wrong, and always giving me the boost I needed to keep going. Jayme thank you for putting up with me and being my best friend.

Dad, thank you for giving me your encouragement through everything and giving me a shoulder to cry on when I needed it most. Thank you for taking me everywhere when I needed more beads, or fabric. I may not have a mother around, but I was blessed to have a father like you. He irons my dress and reminds me of my events. And occasionally has "girl talks" with me when I need it. I love you lots!

Thank you for allowing me to represent this great Nation. It's been filled with memories I'll always cherish and learn from. I'm very thankful for each individual I've met throughout my reign, all teaching me something along the way. It was an honor to be your 2015-2016 Chickasaw Princess.

Chokmashki,

Thank you

Chickasaw military veterans list 2016

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Abbott, Barney Jr. – Navy (DECEASED)
Abbott, James Elmore – Navy, Air Force
Abbott, Monroe – Army Sgt.
Abshier, Joshua T.¬¬ – Army Spc. 2009-2012, South Korea
Acox, Keith Ray – Air Force
Adair, Randolph – Army, SGT E-5
Adams, Alfred James – Army / Navy, WWII
Adams, Harley – Army, WWII
Adcock, Alverta June – Air Force, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Adcock, David Eugene – Army
Adcock, Kenneth B. – Navy Reserve, Chief Petty Officer (DECEASED)
Adkins, Bobby R. – Army, 1954-1957
Adkins, William – Navy, 1952-1972
Agnew, Phillip C. – United States Coast Guard, 1958-1966
Ahtone, Mary – Army E-3
Aiken, Floyd
Akins, Doyle Jr. – Air Force
Akins, Ronnie
Alberson, Steven
Aldridge, Gene – Army Cpl.
Aldridge, Phillip – Navy Cmdr.
Alexander, Jim – Army 101st Calvary, WWII (DECEASED)
Alexander, William – Army E5, 1974-1985
Allen, Barry Lynn – Navy, PN3 E-4
Allen, Edward P. – Army E5, Vietnam
Allen, Franklin Dee – Army Sgt. (DECEASED)
Allen, Gerald Roger – Army, 1973-1975
Allen, Jacob Dale – National Guard
Allen, Johnny David – Marine Corps, 1965-1985
Allen, John Rayburn – Navy, 1975-1982
Allen, Nathaniel Drew – Navy
Allen, Perry I. – Army Sergeant, Vietnam
Allison, Chad – Army National Guard
Allison, Heath
Allison, Matt – Navy
Allison, Perry Wade – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Allison, Robert Wade – Army
Allison, Ronald L. – Army Combat Medic, Vietnam
Amerson, James E. – Army, Korea
Amerson, John Robert – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Amerson, Sammye Wayne – Army National Guard
Amerson, Wesley Henry – Navy, WWII (DECEASED)
Ames, Dustin – Army Sargent E5 Iraq, Afghanistan
Ammones, Joesph W. – Navy, WWII (DECEASED)
Anderson, Donald D.
Anderson, James W. – Army SP5 (T) E-5
Anderson, John Edwin
Anderson, Ron
Anderson, Tim – Navy – Aviation Electronics Tech-E5
Andrews, Earl L. Army WWII (DECEASED)
Andrews, Robert T.
Andrews, Vernon, R. Army 1st Cavalry WWII
Anoatubby, Gene A.
Anoatubby, Russel – Air Force, 1956-1960
Anthony, James Leon – Air Force 1974-1978
Apala, Darwin
Apala, Gilbert V. – Army, PFC, WWII (DECEASED)
Apala, Horace H. – Army, Tech 5, WWII (DECEASED)
Apala, Kenneth – Army, Spec 4, Vietnam
Apala, Lemuel W., Jr. –Army-WWII 1945
Apala, Michael – Air Force reserve
Apala, Mike Jonas – Army/National Guard
Apala, Mulbert J. – Army, PFC, WWII (DECEASED)
Apala, Robert – Air Force, Tech Sgt.
Apala, Robert Jr. – US Army Command Sergeant Major
Artherholt, Frederick Charles – Navy, Vietnam
Archer, Brian D. – Army NG
Archer, Fred Lee – Coast Guard E-4
Arms, Harold – Marines L/Cpl.
Archer, Russell – Army 1st Lt.
Arms, Harold C. – Marine Corps, 1959-1963
Armstrong, Amos B. – Army Cpl.
Armstrong, Kerry M. – Army
Arnold, Mark Howard – Army, 1970-1973
Arpelar, Eugene – Navy, Korea
Arterburn, Christopher Martin – Marine
Arterburn, Robert Wayne – Navy, 1986-1989
Asbury, Ed – Army, WWII
Ashley, Hoyt Clay—Army, Korean War (DECEASED)
Ashley, John Remel – Army, Korean War (DECEASED)
Ashton, George Victor – Navy/Merchant Marine, WWII
Atkins, Dave
Ayers, Bill
Bailey, Larry – WWII, 1st Lieutenant Air Force (DECEASED)
Bailey, Brad – Navy Ash2- E5
Bailey, Gary
Baken, Nelson Paul – Army, National Guard, 6 years Iraq
Baker, Bradford S.
Baker, Colbert L. (Bud) – Navy Lt.
Baker III, Colbert L. – Marine E-5
Baker, John Brunt – Air Force 1 Lt.
Tyson-Baker, Sammie J. – Army 1964-1966
Ballard, Christopher
Ballard, Joe R. – Navy, Korea
Ballard, Richard E. – Army, 1983-1987
Baptiste, Arch – Army
Barlow, Howard
Barnes, Shelly – Army
Barnoski, Matthew – Air Force
Barrick, Brad – OK ARNG Spl.
Bass, Joseph K. – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Bates, Ernest K. – Navy
Bateman Jr., Carl Grayden – Army / OARING Capt. Unit 2B 180 Inf.
Bearden, Albert Preston – Army, 1955-1957
Beck, Eddie G.
Beck, Jimmy–Army, Vietnam Era
Beck, Melissa Marie – Navy E3
Beck, Tommy – Army, Vietnam Era
Bee, Newsham B. – Air Force, SSGT, WWII (DECEASED)
Bee, William O. – Air Force, PFC, WWII (DECEASED)
Bell, Ben – Marine Corps, 1968-1971
Bell, Charles Alvin (Chuck) – Army (DECEASED)
Belvin, Jimmy – Army
Belvin, Wendell
Belvin, William Blake – Army, Private First Class
Bennett Jr., Delton – Navy, WWII (DECEASED)
Benson, Billy – Army Air Troop Cpl.
Benton, Sammy – Marine Corps
Bergen, Marcie Anne – Army
Berna, Amber
Berry, Aburn
Beshirs, Joe – Navy – Seaman 1st Class
Beshirs, Larry Dale
Beshirs, R.A. – Army Staff Sgt., 1961-1970
Beshirs Jr., Samuel D. – Navy, Aviation Electronic 2nd Class Petty Officer, OEF/OIF
Bher, Carson – Army National Guard
Billy, Walter – Navy, Petty Officer Third Class
Billy, William – Navy, 1954-1968
Bishop (Longbrake), Dennis – Navy
Bizzell, Micah – Army
Black, Thomas – Army, PV2
Blanchard, Elmer R. – Army Spec/E4
Blankenship, Charles – Army, 1953-1955
Blevins, Ronald Clyde – Navy, WWII (DECEASED)
Blevins, Kenneth Taylor – Air Force Airman First Class
Blevins, Steven Loyd – Army 1st Class- retired
Blocker, Bruce –Navy/Air Force, WWII
Blocker, Edward L.–Air Force
Blocker, Ronald O. –Air Force, Somalia – Desert Storm
Bloomer, Donald R. United States Air Force (DECEASED)
Bolen, Joseph – Army, WWI
Bolen, Monte – Airforce Sergeant, Vietnam
Bolen, Morgan Wesley – Army Private, WWI (DECEASED)
Bolen, Norman – Navy, WWII (DECEASED)
Bomboy, Jim – Air Force Airman First
Bomboy, John – Army Spc. 4th Class
Bond, Curtis – Army (DECEASED)
Bond, George–Army, WWII
Bond, Larry–Army
Bond, Lloyd – Air Force (DECEASED)
Bonham, John Maytubby – Army 2 Lt.
Boudreau, David A. – Air Force, 1987-2007
Boudreau, Dixie J. (Blanchard) – Air Force, Vietnam
Boudreau, Edward J. Jr. – Air Force, 1986-1990
Bourland, Howard Lynn – Army Air Corp, WWII
Bourland, Joe R. – Army, 1957-1959
Bourland, Joseph W. – Marine Corps
Bourland, Don – Marine Corps Marine Medic, Vietnam
Bourland, Ben – Air Force, 1991-1996
Bowlegs, William J. – Marine Corps Corporal E4, 1970-1973
Boyd, Dexter M. – Navy, 1957-1959
Boyd, James P. – Navy , Vietnam, 1964-1968
Boyd, Nichola L. – Navy
Boyd, Patricia A. – Navy
Bradley, Alvin – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Bralley, Glen – Air Force, 1985-1993
Brassfield, Earl Ray
Brewer, Del – Army, 1970-1972
Bridges, Sidney V. – Air Force, Lt. Col., 1959-1989
Brisco, Floyd Grant – Air Force, E-4
Brisco, Gale – Air Force, 1956-1979
Britt, Charley – Army Quartermaster Corp, WWII
Bromley, Alicia M. – Air Force
Brooksher, Larry, Army Private
Brower, Kelly – Navy, Vietnam
Brown, Bill – Navy, MA2
Brown, Cameron H. – Marines, Vietnam
Brown Jr., Charles H. – Army, Vietnam
Brown Sr., Charles H. – Army
Brown, Clelie Rodney – Navy
Brown, Danny Marles – Navy
Brown, George Edgar – Army, Air Force
Brown, Guy Robert – National Guard, Spec. 4
Brown, Harley Leroy – Navy (DECEASED)
Brown, Henry W. – Army E-4
Brown, Houston – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Brown, James (Jimmy) – Marine Corps, 1956-1959
Brown, Jerry – Army WAC
Brown, Jerry L. – Navy
Brown, Jess F. – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Brown, Jimmie Ray – Army
Brown, Johnny Mack – Air Force (DECEASED)
Brown, Kennedy – Army
Brown, Larry – Navy
Brown, Leon – Army Sgt.
Brown, Lester – Army (DECEASED)
Brown, Loren L. – Army, Korea (DECEASED)
Brown, Louie – Army Sgt.
Brown, Milton – Air Force Sgt.
Brown, Monroe C. – Navy, S2, WWII (DECEASED)
Brown, Nathan A. – Army National Guard
Brown Jr., Otto – Army
Brown, Paul J.
Brown, Ray – Army, CPT E3
Brown, Richard L. – Air Force, Vietnam
Brown, Robert – Army, Iraq
Brown, Roy Anthony – Army
Brown, Tiffany -- M.S., CM II
Brown, Virginia – WWII WAC
Brown, Wade
Brown, Waymon M.
Brown, Wilson James – Army, Air Force Reserve, WWII (DECEASED)
Browning, Bennie J. – Army (DECEASED)
Browning, George W. – Sgt. U.S. Army (DECEASED)
Browning, Joseph – Army
Browning, Kenneth D. – PFC, U.S. Army (DECEASED)
Browning, Samuel – Army/Air force/Navy
Browning, Winston M. – Lance Cpt. U.S. MC (DECEASED)
Browning, Zane – Army/Air force
Brumley, Leland – Army, 1968-1988
Brumley, Robert M. – USMC, WWII (DECEASED)
Brumley, Russell – Army Vietnam, E-4
Bruton, Scott Alan – Marines
Bryant, Billy F. –Army, Navy, Air Force
Bryant, James H.—Army WWII
Bryant, James Steven – Army, E-5 Sgt.
Bryant, Steve – Army, 1959-1966
Bryant, Tommy Lee – Air Force, Vietnam Era
Buchanan, Larry D. – Army, Vietnam
Bunker, Jason – Army, MSG E-8
Burch, Lee R. – Air Force (DECEASED)
Burkart, Bernard – Army, Sgt. E-5
Burke, Jeanmarie D. – Navy E6
Burkett, Bill -- Army
Burkett, Gerald – Airforce, 952-1956, WWII
Burkett, Gordon Willis – Air Force CWO-2
Burkett, Richard L. – Navy
Burkett, Robert O. – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Burkhart, Bernard – Army Sgt. E-5
Burks, Gannon – Army Staff Sgt., 1989-1994
Burks, Rocky A. – Air Force E-4 Vietnam Era
Burnett, Billy D. – Air Force, Captain Fighter Pilot WWII and Korea
Burney Jr., Clay P. – Army
Burney, Sam T. – Army Air Corp, WWII (DECEASED)
Burris, Billy James (DECEASED)
Burris, Calvin Dewayne – Army, PFC
Burris, Christopher Kent – Army SPC, Iraq
Burris, Claude O. – Army, 1946-1982
Burris, David Lee – Army
Burris, Eson – Army WWI POW (DECEASED)
Burris, Gabriel – Army, E-4
Burris, Melvin – Army National Guard
Burris, Monroe
Burris, Scott – Army 1987-1991
Burris, William – Army, 1985-1988
Burton, Richard E. – Army, 1970-1991
Buzzard, Debra – Army, 1977-1980
Byars, Coy Van – Air Force, Sgt.
Byars, Donald Ray – Marine Corps, Vietnam
Byars, Harrison
Byers, Bruce – Marines, Buck Sgt.
Byers, Jack – Army
Byers, Jerry Duane – Air Force Major
Byers, John Williams – Navy
Byers, Richard Lee – Marines
Byers, Sylvester
Bynum, Art –Army, Korean War
Bynum, Charles B. – Army National Guard (DECEASED)
Bynum, Joseph R. – Army Cpl., WWII
Bynum, Lola – Air Force, WWII
Bynum, Meredith T. – Navy, WWII
Bynum, Murle C. –Navy, Korean War
Bynum, Ray C. – Navy, WWII
Byrd, Roy Neal Jr. – Army
Cairns, David Bryan – Marines
Caldwell, Ireno – Army SP3
Campbell, Richard N. – Army, 1938-1945 (DECEASED)
Campbell, Roy Lee – Army
Campbell, Thomas Lee – Army, SSG- E6
Capes, Bennie G. – Navy Boatsman Third, WWII Jan. 1941 - April 1945, Pacific (DECEASED)
Capes, David – Army, Korean War (DECEASED)
Capes, Robison – Army, Korean War (DECEASED)
Capes, Walter – Navy Sea Bees Seaman 1st Class
Caraway, Wayne – Army, WWII, Korean Conflict
Cardinal, Leo Jr. – Air Force Air 1st Class
Carmichael, Eric Ray – Marine Corps Sgt., 1992-1999
Carney, Bernie – Navy, WWII, Pearl Harbor (DECEASED)
Carney, Johnny – Marine Corps
Carney, Von E. – Army, Korean conflict
Carpenter, George – Navy
Carroll, Frank Charles – Vietnam and Korean Conflict
Carroll, Jeffery Joe – Vietnam and Korean Conflict
Carroll, Joe – WWII
Carter, Charles Travis
Carter, Donald R. – Army
Carter, Franklin Delene – Army
Carter, George W. – Army, WWII, Korean Conflict
Carter, Henry Edward – Army WWI, Medical Corps (DECEASED)
Carter, Joe – Navy WWII (DECEASED)
Carter, Steve – Air Force, Vietnam
Carter, V.C. – Marines Cpl.
Carter, Virgil Eugene – Marines Corporal (DECEASED)
Carter, Woodrow – Army / Navy 1st Class
Carvel, Alma – Navy
Cathcart, Billy W. – Air Force
Catoe, Rusty Colbert – Navy
Cease, Henry – Marine, Sgt. E-5
Centner, Teri – Air Force, MAJ, Retired
Chambers, Donald B. – Marines
Chambers, Donald B. II – Army
Chambers, John W. – Army
Chambers, John W. Jr. – Army
Chambers, Marcus A. – Army
Chandler, Larry Dale – Navy
Chandler, Robert – US Air Force 1958-1983 Colonel (Retired)
Chapman, Lawrence David – Air Force, A2c E-3
Chase, Daniel Lee – Air Force
Chase, Grove Engleman – Navy, WWII
Chase, Kennen – Marines Vietnam Era
Chase, Richard – Marines, Vietnam Era
Chase, William
Cheadle, Overton M. “Buck” – Navy 1st Class Petty Officer (DECEASED)
Cheadle, Robert M. – Marines, Vietnam Era
Cheadle, Tammie
Childers, Leland – Army, 1952-1974/ W-3
Christie, Aaron C. – Navy, CPO E7
Christie, Elmer T. – Army (DECEASED)
Christie, Franklin D. – Army E-5
Christie, Joseph – Army
Christie, Thomas E. – Navy, Vietnam Era
Church, Gerald -- Army
Clark, Clive C. – Marine Corps/Army, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Clark, David – Army 1st Sgt Iraq, awarded bronze star
Clark, Donald C.
Clark, Donald R. Korean Era (DECEASED)
Clark, Harlon – U.S. Coast Guard
Clark, James C. – Air Force
Clark, Justin – National Guard SP4
Clark, Jerry D. – Army
Clark, Leslie Dale – Navy (DECEASED)
Clark, Milton M. – Air Force Col., Legion of Merit and Bronze star
Clark, Samuel James – Army, Korea
Clark, Samuel Joe – Army, Vietnam
Clark Jr., Alex – Air Force
Clay, Donald
Clay, Kenneth
Clay, William J.
Clayton, David Leon – Air Force
Clifton, Richard W. – Army, 1966-1968
Clow, Angelique Estelle – Navy E-3, 1980-1986
Clow, Dwan Ellsworth – Army Air Corp/Air Force, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Clubb, David Robert – Air Force, Retired
Cobb, Andrew J. Jr. – Air Force
Cobb, Andrew J. Sr. – Army
Cobb, Gary R. – Air Force, Master Sergeant
Cobb, John G. – Army, SP6 E-6
Cobb, Paul R. – Army
Cobb, Robert E. – Navy E5
Cobler, Randall Wayne – Army, Army National Guard, Specialist E-4
Cohee, Carson – Army Pvt. 1st Class
Cohee, Larry Eugene – Army, 1969-1971
Cohee, R. C. – Army E-7
Colbert, Bruce Ray – Army N.G. Spec. 5 Discharge
Colbert, Charles H. – Army Air Force
Colbert, Columbus Leon “Lee” – Army
Colbert, David – Army, Retired
Colbert, Dolphus “Doc” – Army, Air Force
Colbert, G. Dixie – US Coast Guard, WWII
Colbert, James – Marines E4
Colbert, James A. – Army
Colbert, Jessie – Navy
Colbert, Joshua – Army
Colbert, Martin – Army, Korea
Colbert, Mary
Colbert, Murray
Colbert, Murray Dale – Army (DECEASED)
Colbert, Robin – Navy
Colbert, Thomas A. “Jack” – Army
Colbert, William Carl – Army
Colbert Jr., Walter John – Army
Colbert Sr., Walter John – Army
Cole, Derle – Army, Korean War
Cole, Don – Airforce, 6 years
Cole, George – Army, WWII, Purple Heart
Cole, John – Air Force, 1965-1969
Cole, Robert William – Navy, 2 years
Cole, Sharon M. – Navy, 1958-1960
Cole, Stanley – Army, 8 years
Cole, Wendel – Army, Vietnam
Colee, Larry E. – Army
Collins, Bill Max – Army
Collins, Cecil – Army National Guard
Collins, La Verne – Army/Air Force Lieutenant (DECEASED)
Collins, Leroy – Army
Collins, Virgil Cornelius – Navy
Colson, Thomas Miller Jr. – Navy, Marines
Connelly, John W. – Army Cpl., WWII
Connelly, R.E. – Army PFC Infantry
Connelly, William Ambrose – Army, WWI
Conner, Joe Paul – Army MAJ (retired), WWII, Korea, Cold War Aviator (DECEASED)
Cook, Lemuel D. – Army
Cook, Stanley – Army, SGT E5
Cooper, Doyle – National Guard, PFC
Cooper, Thomas – Army, Desert Storm
Cooper, Tom – Army Sgt. 1st Class, Vietnam Era
Cooper, Warren G.
Couchman, Charles E. – Army
Couchman, Gene – Army
Courtney, Bennie – Army, Staff Sgt.
Courtney, Howard – Air Force
Courtney, William Brooks, Jr. – Navy (DECEASED)
Cox, David – Army, Vietnam
Cox, Lowell – Navy
Cox, Lyle – Navy, 1966-2001
Coyle, Cecil Carl – Army, Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraq
Coyle, Geronia Dale – Army, Vietnam
Coyle, Leslie – Army, 1967-1968
Coyle, RC. – Marines Cpl.
Crabb, Richard G. – Navy Lt. Commander
Crabbe, William – Army Huey DG RVN 67, 68
Crabtree, Roger – Air Force, 1972-2000]
Cradduck, Halley Harden--1st Lieutenant, tank commander (DECEASED) WWII
Craft, Alana
Cravatt, Clifford – Marines (DECEASED)
Cravatt, Irvin A. – Navy RD2, Vietnam, 1963-1967
Cravatt, Lee
Cravatt, Munsy
Cravatt, Wayne
Cravens, Darryl – Navy 1987-2010
Craw, Darin A. – Navy
Crawford, Andrew Phillip – Army
Crawford, Dennis – Army
Crawford, Gerald E. – Army
Creggor, Don Everett – Air Force, 1966-1989
Crittenden, Gary Neal – Marine Corps Sgt. E-5
Crittenden, James E. – Marine Corps Corporal E-4 (DECEASED)
Crockett, Adolphus
Crockett, Ameiul A. – Army
Crockett, Armon Dale – Army, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Crockett, Bearl G. – Army
Crockett, Jackie H. – Navy, 1961-1963
Crockett, Jerry Lincoln – Army (DECEASED)
Crockett, Vaneus Virgil – Navy
Crockett, Virgil – Army
Crosby, Pete Junior—U.S. Navy Signalman, WWII, 1944-1948
Crosby, James P. – Navy Seal (DECEASED)
Crossland, Claude A.
Crow, Lavoyd Lee – Air Force
Crow, Samuel Franklin – Air Force
Culbert, Cubby
Cumins, Eddy – Air Force
Cunningham, Frank – Army
Cunningham, Otha Keel – Army SPC 3, 1954-1956
Cunningtubby, Clyde – Army, Korea (DECEASED)
Cunningtubby, Daniel – Army Air Forces, WWII (DECEASED)
Cunningtubby, Joe – Navy, Radioman 3rd class
Curtis, Elmer – Navy, WWII
Dare, Jeff
Darter, Ralph – Army Pvt. 1st Class (DECEASED)
Davis, B.E. – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Davis, George – Army
Davis, Jeffrey
Davis, Joseph A. – Army
Davis, Kevin
Davis, Larry Neal – Marines (DECEASED)
Davis, Michael A. – Navy
Davis, Randall E. – Army 716th MP BN
Davis, Russell – Army (DECEASED)
Davis, Samuel R. – Army, ST 4 E-4
Dawkins, Wallace – Army, WWII
Day, Amy. M -- Airforce
Day, John L. – US MC Major 1994-2009, 03/05 Iraq
DeGraff, George
Dempsey, John
Dennis, Zachary – Army, Afghanistan
Dickerson, Jim – Marines
Dickinson, Stanley O. – Marine CorpsRaiders, WWII
Dillingham, Melvin – Army, SP4 E -4 T
Dooley, William Kingston – Navy
Drake, George – Navy, MR2
Drannon, Stanley
Driver, David C. – Air Force
Duckworth, Bill – US Army, 10th Mountain Division
Duckworth, Bobby – Army / Air Force, Civil Engineering, Retired Fire and Rescue Chief, Europe
Duckworth, Frankie – Air Force
Duckworth, Fritz – Army, Artillery, Europe (DECEASED)
Duckworth, K. K. – Army / Merchant Marine, South Pacific (DECEASED)
Duckworth, Lonnie Chuck – Army Airborne (DECEASED)
Duckworth, Thomas W. – Army PFC, WWII-Europe (DECEASED)
Duckworth, Wiley J. – Army, WWI (DECEASED)
Duckworth, William Lamont – Army SP5, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Ducote, Steven C. – Army, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Dulin, James W. – Army, 101st Airborne (DECEASED)
Dulin, Lee M. – Army, 101st Airborne (DECEASED)
Duncan, James – Airforce, 1966-1970
Dunn, Billy Joe – Navy, Vietnam Era
Dunn, Mike – Army
Dunn, Raymond G. “Ray” – Army E-5
Dunning, Christy Sue
Dupart, Kervin Trae – Air Force
Durant, Albert – Army, WWII (In Germany)
Durant, Burney – Navy
Durant, Calvin Eugene – Army, WWII- Italy
Durant, Ethan – Army, Air Force, WWII (DECEASED)
Durant, Preman John – Army, WWI
Duston, Guy – USMC Cpl.
Duty, Clint
Duty, David-Marine
Dyer, Buck – Army (DECEASED)
Ebisch, James – Army
Ebisch, Lawrence Paul – Army, Pvt.
Ebisch, Raymond R. – Army, Korean Conflict
Ebisch, William R. – Army, WWII
Eddlemon, Dewey Lee – Army, Vietnam
Eddlemon, Jim – Air Force, 1954-1975
Edwards, Leon – Army, Korea
Edwards Jr., James M. – Navy
Egge, Valla Dee – LCPL, Woman Marine, 1961-1962
Egge, Walter B. IV – Navy, Lt. Cdr. Supply Officer
Ehn, Morgan H. – Marine Corps, Iraq, Desert Storm
Elam, James H. – Army Staff Sgt., WWII
Elkins, James – Army NG
Elliot, John Cyrus
Ellis, John – Army E-4
Engle, David – Army Vietnam
Engles, Lynn V.
Essary, Tommy Wayne – Navy Enlisted and Officer, 1981-1989
Evans, Carl E. – Air Force, Vietnam
Farris, Amos
Farris, David Thomas
Farris, George Perrin
Farris, Joe Weldon
Farve, Kern – Army, National Guard, Pershing Missile
Farve Jr., Emil – Army
Ferguson, Layton – Vietnam
Fillmore, Adam Jr. – Army, 1967-1969, E-4
Fillmore, John Warren – Army
Fillmore, Richmond Robert – Army, 1943 WWII
Finnerty, Brett – Air Force
Fisher, Jean – Marines, Cpl.
Fleetwood, Floyd Thomas – Army WWII
Fleetwood, Jarrod Brent – Army
Fleetwood, Ira Thomas – Air Force, Vietnam
Fleetwood Sr., Silas B. – Navy, WWII
Fleetwood Jr., Silas B. – Army, 1975-1981
Fleetwood, William Clarence – Army, WWII
Fletcher, Lawrence C. – Army, WWII 944-1946 (DECEASED)
Fletcher, Ronald – Army, National Guard, 1970-1976, Vietnam
Flowers, William – Army
Floyd, D. Rush
Flud, Clifford – Army
Folsom, Charles – Army
Foraker, Bob – Army National Guard
Foraker, Douglas A. – Air Force TSgt., Vietnam, Korea
Ford, Wm. Doug – Navy, WWII
Forguson, Tommie Lee – Army, PFCE 3(P)
Fortenberry, Daniel – Army (as of 11/18/13, citizenship shows as inactive- will check next year)
Forsythe, Benny C. – Army 1st Infantry, Purple heart recipient
Foster, Charles – Air Force, Sr. Master Sgt.
Foster, John – Army PFC, 1959-1965
Foster Jr., Milford Wayne – Navy, 1977-1981
Foster, Randall C. – Army Spc-4, 1978-1981
Fowler, Edward R. – Air Force, Vietnam
Fowler, Kenneth – Air Force
Fowler, Roger Nicholas
Fowler, Shawn – Marine Corps
Fox, Larry Don – NG E-4
Fox, Lyndal – Army
Franks, Chris
Frazier, Bill – Marines Cpl.
Frazier, Dennis Jay – Navy E-3
Frazier, Harold
Frazier, Leonard Ray
Freeman, Charles Eugene – Navy, 1945-1946 (DECEASED)
Freeman, Dennis Eugene – Navy, 1966-1970
Freeman, John Wayne – Navy, 1969-1971
Freeny, Benjamin Clay – Army, WWII (DECEASED) KIA-Anzio, Italy
Freeny, Bennett Lane – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Freeny, John Ellis – Army, Korean War (DECEASED)
Fryrear, Terry Burl – Army
Fulsom, Charles
Fuson, Virgil C.-Army WWII 1st Sargent (DECEASED)
Gabehart, Joseph – Army, WWII
Gabehart, Richard – Army, Vietnam
Galyean, Michael D. – Army (DECEASED)
Galyean, Samuel N. – Army (DECEASED)
Gardner, Fitzhugh Lee—Army, WWI
Gardner, H.D.
Gardner, Rogers H. – Navy
Garner, Kendall -- Navy
Garrett, Melvin
Garrison, Marvin Earl
Gaskell, Maryalice – Air Force
Gause, Jim – Navy E-5, Korea
George, Brian
Gerard, Linda Kay – Navy LTJG
Gibbonns, Casey – Army
Gibson, Don
Gibson, Herbert
Gibson, Lenard
Gilbert, Brad C., Jr. – Marine Corps
Gilmore, Owen – Coast Guard Boatsman 2nd Class
Gipson, Glenn – Army, Korea (DECEASED)
Gissel Jr., Lewis Henry – Army Captain, 1961-1963
Givens, Tim – Air Force, AB E-1 (P)
Gizoni, Ernest – US Army (Ret) 1980-2004, CWO3
Glase, Danna Gail – Army Specialist 4th Class, 1974-1976
Glasgow, Harry E. – Air Force Lt. Col.
Glasgow, Robert H. – Air Force
Glenn, Scott Holland
Godfrey, James Gordon – Army
Godfrey, Roy Nickless – Merchant Marines, 1942-1945 (DECEASED)
Goebel, Caleb – Air Force
Goforth, Andrew – Army, WWII
Goforth, Bill – Army Staff Sgt. (DECEASED)
Goforth, Garth S. – Marines (DECEASED)
Goforth, Murray – Navy, Korea
Goforth, Paul C. – Navy (DECEASED)
Goforth, Tom F. – Air Force
Good Jr., Elmer – Nay Apprentice Seamen, M-1
Gooding, Norman Gene – Army (DECEASED)
Goodman, Charles Edward – OK NG 45th Division Cpt.
Goodman, Gene – Army
Goodman, Harvey
Goodman, Oscar – Army, Reserve
Goodman, Robert – Army
Goodman, Roger – Army
Goodwin, Billie, J. – Air Force
Gore, Dennis J. – Army
Gorman, Martin T. – Navy (DECEASED)
Gorman, Michael – Navy
Gorrell, Dixon – Marines Cpl.
Grace, Jackie C. – Navy Aviation AD2
Graff, David Wayne – Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class, Vietnam Era
Graff, Michael Lee – Army E-4
Graff, Thomas Dean – Navy 2nd Class Q.M., Vietnam Era
Graham, Roland R. – Marines, Iraq
Grantham, John – Marines Sgt.
Green, Bill – USAF, 1965-1968
Green, Carlen – Army
Green, James T. – Army T-5, WWII
Green, Johnny
Green, Michael Dennis – Army
Green, Richard C. – USNR Aviation Electronics Technician E4, 1961-1967
Green, Roy Cranston
Green, William B. – Air Force
Greenwood, Earl – Marines
Greenwood, Harvey A. – Air Force
Greenwood, Jack Ronnie – Marines
Greenwood, Leon V.
Greenwood, Marion – Army
Greenwood, Robert – Marines, Vietnam Era
Greenwood, Sim – Army Medic, WWII (DECEASED)
Greenwood, Virgil J.
Greer II, Todd D. – Navy OIE
Greer, Douglas
Greer, James R. – Navy
Greer, Todd Douglas – U.S. Marines, SSGT 1st Force Recon Rangers
Grellner, Thomas – Navy, 1985-2005
Griffin, Clyde F. – Army WWII
Griffin, John – Army
Griffith, Charles B. – Marin Corp, Vietnam, Cpl.
Grinslade, John—Navy
Grisham, Philip – Army Major 1967-1969
Grizzle, Dr. John Dale – Army
Grizzle, Robbie W. – Air Force Sgt.
Grizzle II, John Dale – Army, 1977-1980
Guardalibene, Charles – Army, Vietnam
Guess, Earnest – Air Force Sgt., WWII (DECEASED)
Guiou, Russell Alan – Army N.G.
Gunning, Robin R.
Gunter, Bobby Ray – Army
Gustafson, Alford V. Jr. – Army, 1945-1947
Guy, Douglas – Navy, 1955-1975
Haddock, Nicky M. – Navy
Haddock, Russell – Navy
Hagan, James F. – Army Sgt., Vietnam
Haggard, Darius Ray – Army
Halford III, Joseph Clyde – Navy, 1973-1976
Hall, Alan Ray-Army (DECEASED)
Halsell, Thomas – Navy, E-3
Hamilton, Andris
Hamilton, Billy H. – Army, 1977-1980, E-4
Hamilton, Joseph
Hammon, Randy – Army
Hammond, Leighten Edward – Army, Sgt. E-5
Hammond, Mark – Army Spc. 5 - Med Specialist
Hampton, Donald W. – Army, SP5
Hankey, Don Reid – Army, Spc. 5th Class
Hansard, Robert G – Air Force, 1991-1996, SRA, Desert Storm / Desert Shield
Harlin Jr., James Belton – Air Force Cpt. (DECEASED)
Harp, Thomas Luke – Coast Guard
Harris, Benjamin – Army, E-5
Harris, Delos – Army, WWI (DECEASED)
Harris, Pauline (Hicks) – Army (WAC), Sgt.
Harris, Richard D. – Air Force Vietnam Era
Harris, Thurl Eugene – Army, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Harris Jr., Robert L. – Marine
Harrison, Jed Lewis
Harrison, Leonard Ray – Navy
Harrison, LeRoy – Army (DECEASED)
Harrison, Marion Parnell – Army/Navy
Harrison, Shad C. – Army
Harrison, William Jr. – Army
Hartline, James E. – Army SP-5, 1973-1977
Hartline, Frank L. – Marine Corps (DECEASED)
Hartwell, Edward – Army Sgt.
Hartwell, Joe F. – Army Cpl. 54th Div.
Hartwell, Porter – Army Cpl.
Harvey, Raymond – Army (DECEASED)
Hatcher, Charles
Hatton, Bobby Leroy – Marine
Hatton, J.B. – Army, SP-4
Hawkins, Jim – Air Force, 1977-1986
Hawkins, John R. – Air Force, WWII
Hawkins, Joseph C. – Army Pvt.
Hawkins, Kenneth – Vietnam Era (DECEASED)
Hawkins, Larry – National Guard (Major)
Hawkins, W.O. – Navy, WWII
Hawley, R. Michael – Navy
Hawley, Ronald W. – Army, Vietnam Era
Hayes, Clifton Duke, Sr. – Navy, 1967-1988
Hayes, Don – Army
Hayes, Joseph W. – Navy/Army (DECEASED)
Hayes, Ron – Marine Corps
Hays, Amos “Buster” – Army (DECEASED)
Hays, Ronny J. – Army, Vietnam, E-5
Hays, William – Army Spc. 4
Heald, Charles F. – MSgt USAF 1916-1998 (DECEASED)
Heald, Kenneth Dale – Air Force, Vietnam
Heath, Sandra Kay – Marines
Hefley, Earl William
Hefner, Joe Paul – Army National Guard, 1963-1969
Henderson, Chanel – Navy 2002-current
Henderson, James L.—Marine (DECEASED)
Henderson, James Y. – Marin (DECEASED)
Henderson, Michael L. – Army Sgt. Vietnam
Henderson Jr., Richard S. – Army and Air Force 1 Lt.
Hendricks, Al – Air Force
Hendricks, Cadian – Army (DECEASED)
Henry, Charles Earl – Marines, Cpl.
Henry, Terry F. – Army Retired Sergeant Major
Hensley, Harold – Navy Seaman 1st Class
Hensley, Jackie – Army Medical Corp Master Sgt.
Hensley, Ray – Army
Henson, Ivy – Navy Seaman 1st Class
Henson, Terry L. – Army, Vietnam
Herd, Bernie Lee – Army, Korea
Herman, Carolyn – National Guard, Desert Storm
Herrington, John B. – Navy, NASA Commander
Hestor, Billy D. – Army
Hestor, Cloise “Dean” – Army E-4
Hestor, Louis Joe Dean – Army
Hestor, Melton G. – Army PFC.
Hewett, Justin – NG
Hewett, Kyle - NG
Hibbert, Joshua C. – Air Force
Hickman, James – Army Lt.
Hicks, Ale F. – Army, Spec. 4th Class
Hicks, Deloyd – Navy TM 2
Hicks, Jack Walton
Hill, Andy O. – Army, 1987-2008, Sgt. 1st Class
Hill, Danny W. – Air Force, 1956-1958
Hill, Gene Edward – Army
Hiltbrunner, Boyd – Army, 1971-1979
Hilton, William L. – Navy
Hisaw, Charles
Hitchcock, Chester – Navy, AMHC E-7
Hitchcox, Chester – Marine
Hobbs, John – Army
Hodge, Britt – National Guard
Hodge, Treylan – Marines
Hodges, Gary Dale – Vietnam Era
Hodges, James Donald – Army
Hogan, Kenneth – Navy
Hogland, Gordon L. “Buck” – Army
Hogland, Thomas H. – Army
Holcomb Jr., Santana Beaver – Army, 1975-1978
Holden, Kenneth
Holder, Johnson
Holland, Gerald Joseph (DECEASED)
Holland, Robert – Army, PVT E2 (P)
Hollopeter, Wiley – Navy, Vietnam
Hollopeter, Wolf – Army, Vietnam
Holmes Jr., Charles P. – Navy, Korea
Holt, Gale B. – Merchant Marines, WWII
Holt, Jimmy E. Jr. – Army
Holt, Jimmy E. Sr. – Army WWII
Homer, Edgar – Army, 1967-1969
Homer Jr., Homer G. – Army
Hopkins, Lloyd George – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Horn, Aaron D. – Army, Captain, 2001-2007
Horne, Donnie S.
Horton, Adrian U. – Army, 1970-1980
Horton, John W. – Army (DECEASED)
Horton, Kenneth H. – Navy 1964-1970
Horton, Larry – Army, Vietnam
Hough, Patrick
Howard, Gerald
Howard, John Stephen – Marine Corps
Howard Sr., Charles

Veterans List (continued)

James, Overton – Navy
James, Ronnie – Army, E-4
James, William – Coast Guard
Jefferson, Douglas K. – Oklahoma National Guard, 1979-1983, PFC
Jefferson, Gene – Marine, Vietnam
Jefferson, M.E. – Marine Corps
Jennings, Daniel
Jennings, Harold R. – Navy, WWII
Jennings, Jimmy – Army, 1957-967
Jennings, John Douglas – Army (DECEASED)
Jennings, Lee T. – Army
Jennings, Murriel – Army, Korea
Jennings, Richard Dorsey
Jennings, Robert – Army, WWII
Jimmy, William
Jobe, Diane – Air Force Reserves (Retired)
Johnson, Bobbie – Navy 1965-1969
Johnson, Bobby L. – National Guard, 1964-1968
Johnson, Brian
Johnson, Calvin – Army Pvt. 1st Class
Johnson, Carson T.
Johnson, Dennis—Army, Vietnam
Johnson, Donald Gene – Army 6 years, Vietnam
Johnson, Elvis – Army, Persian Gulf 101st AB
Johnson, Eric "Mitch" – Marine Corps Staff Sergeant (5 years active duty, 1999-2004)
Johnson, George – National Guard Staff Sgt.
Johnson, James Air Force T Sgt.
Johnson, Joe
Johnson, Lonnie Dale – Army, Sgt. E-5
Johnson, Ramsey – Army, 1958-1959
Johnson, Rudy – Army , 1993-1996
Johnson, Rusty L. – Navy, Desert Storm
Johnson, Scott Tinsman – Army Air Forces, Major, WWII (DECEASED)
Johnson, Stanley Gene – Air Force, TSGT E-6
Johnson, Thomas D.
Johnson, Victory E. – Army Pvt.
Johnson Jr., Freddie Lee – Ok. Army NG
Johnston, Jackie – Air Force Staff Sgt. , 1951-1959
Johnston, Jerry M.
Johnston, Orin
Johnston, Ralph Colbert – Army
Johnston, Richard E. – Army
Johnston, William C. – Army WWII
Jones, Billy L. – Air Force
Jones, Charles Lee
Jones, Danny – Marines, 1995-1999, 3rd Battalion 5th Marines, E-5
Jones, Doug – Air Force
Jones, Fred B. Jr. – Army Air Corp
Jones, Johnny Lee – Army, Sp4 E-4
Jones, Michael Dean – Marine Corps (DECEASED)
Jones, Purman – Army, 1960-1962
Jones, Richard M. – Navy, Airman
Jones, William (Dub) F. – Army Air Corp, WWII (DECEASED)
Jones, William B. – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Jones Jr., William A. – Marine Corps, 1982-1986
Jopling, Richard
Jordan, Jeffrey – Army PFC-E3
Jordan, Billy G. – Navy, Vietnam
Jordan, Jack – Air Force
Jordan, James – Airforce, Korea, 1951-1955
Jordan, James Grady (DECEASED)
Jordan, Jimmy – Navy, YN-3 E-4
Joyce, John
Kale, Carroll Wayne – Army, Berlin Crisis, Korean War, Vietnam Era (DECEASED)
Kale, Claywood D. – Navy, WWII
Kale, Douglas – Army Bermuda Base Command Sergeant
Kale, Henry A Jr. – Army, Korean War
Kale, Jack C. – Navy, WWII
Kale, Kenneth M. – Navy, Korean War
Kale, Wilson – Army
Kassinger, William Foster – Army
Keel, Ben B. Jr. – Air Force
Keel, Brian E. – Army
Keel, David Stenson – Marine
Keel, Donald Lewis – National Guard, 1970-1976
Keel, Douglas – Army
Keel, Edmond Freeman—Army WWI/ Silver Star recipient (DECEASED)
Keel, Franklin
Keel, George S. – Army (DECEASED)
Keel, Jefferson – Army, Vietnam Era
Keel, Leland –Army, Korea
Keel, Lewellyn – Air Force Sgt.
Keel, Lewis Gibson – Navy, WWII
Keel, Owen – Airforce, 1956-1960
Keel, Tommy – Army, Vietnam Era
Keel, William – Army Reserve
Keenan, Thompson – Navy, Airman 3rd
Keirsey, Dillard Con – Air Force, Army, Korea, Vietnam
Kelley, Mark Owens – Navy, Iraq
Kelley, Robert
Kelso, Mark
Kellner, David – Army, 1972-1976
Kemp, Charles H. – Air Force
Kemp Jr, Douglas Lewis-- Army
Kemp, Eli
Kemp, Harry
Kemp, Joe Carr – US Army, World War II and the Korean War
Kemp, Joe F.
Kemp, Joseph E. – Army Air Corps
Kemp, Mark L. – Army
Kemp, Raymond H. – US Army, World War I
Kemp, Robert – Army, 1957-1959
Kemp, Turner--Army
Kennedy, Elmer Curtis – Navy, WWII
Kennedy, Patrick – Navy
Kennedy, William D. – Navy, WWII
Kerr, Dale E. – Army, SP (T) E-5
Kerr, David W.
Kidd, William – Marine Corps, 1973-1985
Kilcrease, Floyd Lee Jr. – Army
Kilcrease, Floyd Lee Sr. – Army
Kilcrease Jr., Lloyd – Navy E5
Kilcrease, Samuel – Air Force
Kirby, Joe – Navy, Vietnam
Klaas, Amy Catherine – Air Force
Klaas, Brian E. – Army
Kline, Tommy – Navy, WWII
Kimberlin, Dave – Navy
Kincaid, Robert Louis Jr. – Navy, Vietnam
Kincaid, Robert Louis – Navy, WWII
Kincaid, Roy Sullivan – Air Force
King, Devin – Army
Kinnebrew, Jackson M. – Army
Kinnebrew, James A. -- Army
Kinney, James – Navy, Aviation Tech, 3rd Class
Kinney, Mack – Army Sgt.
Kirby, Joe W. – Navy, Equipment Operator Chief (EOC), Vietnam
Kirby, Ronald Glenn – Marines, Cpl.
Kiser, Gary – Army National Guard, E-6
Kiser, William Charles – Marines
Kissee, Michael James – Marines OEF/OIF
Knight, James L. –Army Lt. Col
Knight, Tom D. – Air Force Tech. Sgt.
Knox, Kevin G. – Navy Retired Senior Chief Petty Officer
Krag, Christina Priest- retired Airforce
Krebbs, Ralph Odell
Krips, Gregory S. – Navy, 1976-1997, E6
Kusler, James P. – Army, E-4
Lacy, William Hershel – Air Force
Lair, Donald – Navy, USN
LaJaye, Lance – National Guard
Lake, Larry G. – Army
Lamark, Alicia M. – Air Force
Lampkin, Billy Dean – Army Sgt., Vietnam (DECEASED)
Lampkin, Hubert Ira – Navy, Korea
Lampkin, Kerry D. – Army, 2004-2008, E4
Lampkin, Robert E. – Army/Marines, WWII/Korea (DECEASED)
Lampkin, William W. – Navy, WWII and Korea
Lance, Glenn – Navy WWII
Landreth, Dewey W. – USMC, WWII and Korea
Landreth, Knute – Army - WWII, Korea and Vietnam (DECEASED)
Landreth Jr., Knute – Army, Vietnam
Landreth, Robert Z. – USMC, WWII and Korea (DECEASED)
Lang, James
Langley, Donald – Army, Pvt. E-1
Lasite, Billie E. – Navy
Latta, George Aric – Army
Latta, Harold D. – Army (DECEASED)
Latta, Lee Allen – Navy Lt., WWII
Lattie, James – Marines, Vietnam
Laughlin, Tommy Eugene
Lawrence, Robert D. – Navy ET-3, 1961-1966
Lawson, Adam – Air Force
Lawson, Benny – Army Sgt. (DECEASED)
Lawson, Fred – Army
Lawson, Lonnie R. Jr. – Air Force
Lawson, Udale – Air Force, 2nd Lt.
Laxson, Eugene – Coast Guard
Lea, Donald R. – USAF Master Sergeant
Leader, Billy F. – Marines
Leader, Cecil J. – Army
Leader, Charles Dean – Air Force
Leader, Danny K. – Army
Leader, James Lee – Marine Corps, Korea
Leader, Rick – Army
Lee, Theodore Rosevelt – Army
Lee, Robert Earl – Army, Vietnam
Leftwich, Dewy O. – Navy, WWI (DECEASED)
Leftwich, Regal H. – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Leftwich, William R. – Navy 1962-1967
Lenertz, George – Navy, LTJC 0-2
Lenertz, John – Navy
Leslie, Glen Leon – Army Korean Conflict (DECEASED)
Leslie, Harvey L. – Army (DECEASED)
Leslie, J.D. – National Guard (DECEASED)
Leslie, John Floyd – Air Force (DECEASED)
Leslie, Orel – Army (DECEASED)
Leslie, Tommie Charles – Army (DECEASED)
Lewis, Gary H. – Army, PFC E3
Lewis, Royal P. Jr. – Air Force, 1st LT (DECEASED)
Liddell, Billy
Liddell, Charles P.
Liddell, Murray K. – Air Force MSgt, 1978-1990
Liebl, Vernie R. – Majot USMC (Retired), DS/DS, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen
Little, Don Ed
Little, Shelby K. – Army Colonel
Lockwood, Billy Mark – Army, Vietnam
Loften, David V. – 1966-1978 Staff Sgt. E6 U.S Army Green Beret (Special Forces) U.S. Army (INSCOM)
London, Clyde C. – Air Force, Vietnam-Korea (retired)
London, Eli – Army
London, Gary – Army
London, Jeremiah – Army
London, Larry – Navy
London, Murphy Lee – Army
Long, Bryan P. – Marine Corp Capt., 1990-2000
Longacre, J.C. – Air Force (DECEASED)
Looney, Brandon J. – Army CPT
Looney, Donald – Army
Looney, Hal Aldrich – Air Force, WWII-Pilot, Ret. Major
Looney, Victor N. – Army Colonel
Looney, Victor Nedd Sr. – Air Force (DECEASED)
Louis, Edmon – Army, WWI (DECEASED)
Louis, Cub E. – Airforce (DECEASED)
Love, Donald G. – Navy, E5
Love, Lester – Marines PFC
Love, Lorne Doyle – Army, 1953-1955
Love, Richard – Army, Vietnam
Love, Rici G. – Air Force
Lowrance Jr. Oscar – Coast Guard
Lowrance, Bill – Navy, E-9 Master Chief
Lowrance, Charles – Army (DECEASED)
Lowrance, Millard F. – Army, WWII/Korean Conflict Cpt. (DECEASED)
Lyda, Dottie R. – Army, Desert Storm
Lyda, Tommy
Lyon, James – Navy, Vietnam
MacDonald, George Daniel – Army
Maidt Jr., Albert D.
Malaney, Dennis – Army
Malaney, Jerry – Army
Manos, Michael – Army, Desert Storm
Marler, Loretta – Navy SA
Marris, Charles – Air Force
Marris, Henry III – Army
Marris, John W
Marsh, Ray – Army, Desert Storm
Marshall, Richard D.
Martin, Gary D. – Army, SP4 (P) E-4
Mason, Roy A. – Army
Massey, Ben W. – Army, WWI
Massey, Scott
Mathews, Robert-- US Navy 1986-1990
Matthews, Jack – Army
Matthews, John C. – Army (DECEASED)
Matthews, P.L. – Navy
Maupin, Stephen – Air Force
Maupin, Tony – Air Force
May, Roland E. – Army
Mayes, Harmon A., Sr. – Air Force
Mayors, Harmon A., Sr. – Air Force
Maytubby, Benny – Army
Maytubby, Bill J. – Navy, RD-3
Maytubby, Bryon L. – Army Air Force, WWII (DECEASED)
Maytubby, David Allen
Maytubby, Lymon – Army, CPT 0-3, Vietnam
Maytubby, Melvin – Navy
Maytubby, Monroe E. – Army, WWII, PFC
Maytubby, Morris E.—Army 2 years (DECEASED)
Maytubby, Samuel Winchester
Maytubby, William Dudley (DECEASED)
Maxfield, Lynn M. – SRA Air Force 1974-1978
McAlester, James – Army, Spec. 4
McCarter, Ray – Air Force, Vietnam
McCarter Jr., Fred L. – Navy, 1962-1982
McCarty, Jenny – Army National Guard Reserved 1957-1965
McClelland, Bradley Leon – Navy, Army Reserves
McClish, Ruben – Army, WWI (DECEASED)
McClure, David A. – Navy WWII
McClure, Duane – Army
McClure, Jimmy D. – Army, Vietnam
McClure Joseph "Joe" – Army (DECEASED)
McClure, Steve – Army, 1965-1967
McCormick, Kenneth Don – Army, SP. 4
McCormick, Nicky – Navy – Seaman 1st Class
McCurry, Donna – Army Sergeant, Desert Storm
McCurtain, Carrol – Army
McCurtain Jr, Charles R. – Army, 1st Air Calvary, Vietnam (DECEASED)
McCurtain, James C. – Army Pvt. E1
McCurtain, Lynn – Army
McDaniel, J.D. – Navy, 1957-1962
McDonald, Alma Ellen (Carvel) – Navy
McDonald, George Daniel – Army
McDonald, James Wendell – Army (DECEASED)
McDonald, Larry D.
McDonald, Thurman
McGee, Jack Randolph – Navy WWII
McGee, Lloyd – Army
McGee, Roy – Army, 1958-1961
McGee, William Lewis – Army Sargent Major (Retired)
McGranahan, Charles – Army
McGranahan, Mitchell – Army, Sp 3
McGranahan, Paul – Army
McKee, Donald
McKee, Johnnie
McKee, William Franklin
McKellop, Cody Kim – Army, 1969-1972
McKellop. Louie W. (DECEASED)
McKinney, Ralph Doak – Army, WWII, Korean Conflict, Col., West Point Graduate
McKoy, George Colbert – Fighter Pilot, WWII (DECEASED)
McKoy III, John H. – Army
McLaughlin, Joe C. –Army
McLean, Homer D. – Army, 1957-1960
McLellan, Carolyn – Army
McNeely, William C.
Mead, Billy – Army, 1953-1979
Medrano, Tiffany
Meeks, Billy N.
Meeks, Kevin D. – Army NG
Meely, Johnny – Marine Corp, Vietnam, Srgnt
Meister, Brett A. – Marines, Helibourne Assault, Cpl., OEF/OIF
Mellor, William Bruce - Army Korea 40th Infantry Division (DECEASED)
Melville, Newton – Navy
Melville, Parker – Army Reserves
Metzger, Steven – Army
Milks, Keith Alan – Marine Corps Master Sergeant, Afghanistan and Iraq
Miller, Alex Hugh – Army, 1968-1970
Miller, Bobby Jack – Navy
Miller, Bobby William
Miller, Cain B. – Army (DECEASED)
Miller, Colson Thomas Jr. – Navy
Miller, David Weston – Army, Vietnam
Miller, James Lewis – Army Pvt. 1st. Class
Miller, Mike T. – Army National Guard, E-5
Miller, Patrick Henry – Army
Miller, Paul Hugh – Army (DECEASED)
Miller, Robert – Navy,
Miller, Robert James – Army
Miller, Tom – Navy Fleet Marine Force Corpsman
Milligan, Lonnie – Marine Corp Lance Corporal, Vietnam
Milligan, Jack W. – Navy, WWII
Milligan, Raymond D. – Army, WWII
Milligan, Ted – Air Force, 1955-1961
Milner, Charles – Army, Vietnam
Millner, Herman Eugene – Army, Korea
Minnett, John B. – Air Force, Korean Conflict, 1 Lt.
Mitchell, Billie Louise – Army
Mitchell, Clayton – Army
Mitchell, Hershell – Marines
Mitchell, Jay – Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer
Mitchell, Jerry – Army
Mitchell, Michael E. – Army Major
Mitchell, V.D. – Marines – Gunnery Sgt. (DECEASED)
Mobley, Gordon E. – Army, Vietnam, Sgt.
Mole, Gaylord
Monroe, Leonard W.
Moody, Donald – Army, Cpl.
Moody, Steven D. – Army, 1979-1985
Moore, Alexander K. – Air Force Reserve / Marine
Moore, Benny Atwood – Army Spc-4, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Moore, Bill Zack – U.S. Marines Corps, Captain
Moore, Bonnie Durant
Moore, Denver Victor- Navy
Moore, Eddy – Marines, PFC
Moore, Flying Clouds – Navy, SA
Moore, James D. – Army
Moore, Joel E. – Navy
Moore, Joseph Michael – Navy, AMH3-E4
Moore, Kenneth
Moore Sr., Louis – Navy, 1943-1945, WWII
Moore, Merle E. – Air Force
Moore, Robert E. – Army, Berlin crisis
Moore, Tommy L.
Moore, Victor Ray – Air Force E-5
Morgan, Doyle Lane – Army
Morgan, Doyle Wayne – Army, Korea
Morgan, Tommy R. – Army E5, 4 years, Vietnam
Morin, Laverne P. – Army, 4 years WWII
Morr, Howell – Army
Morris, Aubrey Ned – Air Force
Morris, Louie – Navy, Seaman 1st Class
Morris, Steven E. – Army, Vietnam Era
Morris, William E. – Navy, Vietnam Era
Mose, Dorsey – Army (WWII)
Moss, Authur, Navy, Korean
Mullins, James Douglas – Army, Korea
Mullins, Linda Marie – Air Force
Murray, Massena B. – National Guard Colonel, WWII and Korea (DECEASED)
Murray, Richard – Air Force, 1961-1965
Murray, William L. – Air Force
Murrell, Ronald C. – Army
Mutz, David Wayne – OK National Guard Air Force
Mutz, Louis
Nail, Alton – Air Force/Naval Reserve, 1974-1979; 1981-1994
Nail, Aaron Monroe – Army- Air Force, WWII (DECEASED)
Nance, Rex G. – Navy WWII
Nave, Jack R. – Air Force, M.Sgt.
Neal, Mouzon, E. – Army, WWII
Neal III, Oliver B.
Neasbitt, John Talley – Army (DECEASED)
Ned, David Elwin – Army
Ned, Morris Ridgely – Army
Ned, William – Navy E-5
Nelson, Cleburn Floyd – Navy WWII
Nelson, Floyd Jr. – Army
Nelson, Franklin – Army
Nelson, Jack – Army, 4 years Korea
Nelson, James – Navy (DECEASED)
Nelson, Kenneth – Marines (DECEASED)
Nelson, Lloyd B. – Army (DECEASED)
Nelson, Marvin E. (Jack) – Army
Nelson, Matthew Stephen – Marines Sgt., 2008-2013 Afghanistan
Nelson, Sammy D. – Army, Cold War
Nelson, William E.
Neumeister, Don
Neumeyer, Matthew P. – Army Company Cmdr.
Newberry, Lewis D. – Marine Corps, 1950-1970
Newton, Joe Ray – US Air Force 1960-1964
Nichols, Joseph Lyle – Marine Corps, 2001-2011
Nichols, Michael – Navy, Vietnam
Nichols, Orean – Air Force, E-8
Nichols, Richard L. – Navy and Army Reserve
Nichols, Robert – Coast Guard, WWII
Nichols, Robert L. – Navy 1962-1969
Noletubby, Jackson – Army, WWI (DECEASED)
Noletubby, Tandy – Army (DECEASED)
Norman, Harley Curtiss – Navy, Korea
Norman, J.D. – Army/Navy, GM2/MSG
Norman, Jerry – Army, SP4, Vietnam
Norman, Weldon Eugene – Army – 1st Class
Norris, Ethan – Army
North, Elmo C.
Northcutt, Billy Harrell – Air Force, Airman 1st Class
Northcutt, Darrell
Norton, Fred Jr.
Norton, Joe Allen – Army N.G.
Norton, Walter M. – Air Force, A2c E-3
Norvell, Glynn – Army Sgt.
Norvell, John H. – Army SP-4
Norvell, Perry – Marines Pvt.
Nowlin, Gary – Army, 1978-1983
Nowlin, Mary E. – Navy, 1967-1969
Nowlin, Phillip – Army
Nowlin, Raymond L. – Army, WWII
Nowlin, Raymond L. – Marines
Nowlin, Steve – Army, 1977-1995
Oliver, Kenneth Ray-Marine
Orphan, Levi – Army Airborne Master Sgt.
Orphan, Ray – Marines OEF/OIF
Orphan, Rita – Navy E-3
Orr, Charles Edward – Army
Orr, Charles Weldon -- Airforce
Orr, Gilbert Clyde -- Army
Orr, Howell M.
Orr, Joe R. – Army SFC
Orr, Steven S.—Navy, Vietnam
Ortega, Timothy
Ortiz, Jeremy F. – Air Force
Ott, Johnson D. – Marine Corps
Ott, Manuel – Navy, 1973-1977
Owens, Benny – Air Force Private
Owens, Billy Gene – Army, 1977-1979
Owens, Frank – Army PFC (Aircraft)
Owens, John Lewis – Army (DECEASED)
Owens, Olen B. – Navy
Owens, Rebecca – Navy
Owens, Richard – Army, Sp4 E-4
Paire, Jane A.—U.S. Air Force Lt. 1956-1960
Palmer, Edward A. – Army, 1971-1991, E-5
Palmer, Frank B. Jr. – Army, Vietnam, E5
Palmer, Frank Benjamin – Army
Pannell, Ted L. – Army, Vietnam
Parker, Luis – Army, Korea
Parker, Ron – USMC Sgt.
Parker Jr., John Westley – Navy
Parks, Ignacio (Nacho) M. – Navy, Desert Storm
Parks, K.C. Jr. – Marines, Vietnam
Parks, Leo – Army, Vietnam
Parnacher, Floyd – Navy Apprentice
Parnell, Ewing, Jr. – Air Force, Senior Airman, Korean Conflict
Parra, Shelia (Taylor) – Air Force, 1989-2009, Afghanistan
Paschall, Perry A. Jr. – Army Vietnam Era
Pate Jr., Charles D.—Army/Vietnam
Pate, Homer – Air Force E6, 1950-1964
Pate, Romme J. – Army Sgt., Vietnam
Patrick, Kyle David
Patrick, Carl Hugh – Navy, Desert Storm
Patton, Johnny Boyd – Air Force
Patton, Leroy James – Navy
Paul, Homer – Marine Corps, Korea and Japan
Paul, Joseph – Navy, SN
Paul, Larry J. – USMC Bronze Star
Paul, Stephen S. – Marines
Paul, Tommy Allen – Army
Paul, William D. – Marine Corps, Vietnam
Paul, William G. – Marines
Payne, Jerry C. – Navy
Percival, Harold – Army, SP5 E5
Percival, Howard – Navy CB 2nd Class (DECEASED)
Perkins, David Lynn – Army
Perkins, James – Army
Perriman, Laurence Ralph
Perry, Albert Jr.
Perry, Jim – Army S-4 Sgt.
Perry, Lee Roy – Army N.G.
Perry, Norman F.
Perry, Robert Lee – Navy, 1951-1970
Perry, Sequoyah
Perry, Wayne
Pershica, Jerry Lee – Army National Guard, SGT. Major
Pershica, M.F. – Army Private Combat Engineer
Pettenridge, Charlie Watson – Army, 1966-1968
Pettigrew, Brian
Pettigrew, Robert
Pettigrew, Thomas Allen Caston – Marine Pvt.
Pettigrew, William – Air Force Cpl.
Phillips, Raymond – Army, Vietnam
Pich, Charles P. – Army
Pich, David – Army
Pich, Jackie Ray -- Army
Pich, Roger L.
Piche Sr., Clyde J. – Army, 1962-1965
Pickens, Arti Lee – Army, Vietnam
Pickens, Dave – WWI (DECEASED)
Pickens, Dexter – Army, Gulf War
Pickens, John Thomas – Marine Corps, Korea (DECEASED)
Pickens, Lawrence M. – Air Force, Korea
Pickens, Monica Alicia – Army
Pickens, Patrick S. – Army, OEF/OIF
Pickens Sr., Philip – Army, Vietnam
Pickens, Robert F. – Army (DECEASED)
Pickens, Samuel Thomas – Army, Korea
Pickens, Sherman Craig – Navy
Pickens, Vernell – Army, Vietnam
Pickens Griffin, Angelia B. – Air Force, 1976-1996
Piearcy, Samuel – Army
Pike, Bennie A. – Army, Vietnam
Pinz, Joseph Vann – Navy, WWII (DECEASED)
Pitchlynn, Peter Paul – Army Captain, WWII (DECEASED)
Pitchlynn, Robert – Marines, WWII (DECEASED)
Pittman, Kenneth – Army PFC
Pittman, Robert J.
Plunkett, Christopher S. – Army
Poe, David – National Guard Staff Sgt.
Poe, J.C. – National Guard
Polk, Tommy Dean
Ponder, Anthony
Porter, Hamp-Army (DECEASED)
Porter, James-Marines (DECEASED)
Porter, Olen Ray – Army, Staff Sgt., WWII
Porter, William E.-Army (DECEASED)
Postoak, Stephen D. – Air Force (DECEASED)
Poteat, James Michael – Army
Potts, Justin
Potts, Joel
Potts, Joseph – Marine Corps
Powell, Cecil Coy – Army
Powell, Clifford Alan – Army Spc. 4
Powell, George Edward – Navy, Vietnam
Powell, George Edward – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Powell, Joel Preston, Jr. – Army Air Force, Corporal
Powell, Joel Preston, Sr. – Army
Powell, John Blair – Air Force
Powell, Johnny Thomas – Navy
Powell, Kenneth Eugene – Air Force
Powell, Leo – Army WWII (DECEASED)
Powell, Lloyd
Powell, Robert David – Army
Powell, Robert Lynn – Army Spc. 4
Powell, Roy Bert
Powell, Scott T. – Marine Corps, 1958-1962
Powell, Vernon Ellis – Air Force
Price, Larry J. – Navy, Vietnam
Price, Guy Wayne – Navy, WWII (DECEASED)
Price Jr., Theron – Navy/ Army Major, WWII and Korea
Priddy, Mel W. – Army, Vietnam 1970-1972
Puller Jr., Jackson – Army Sgt.
Puller, John – Army Tech 5th 2nd Division
Pulliam, Elliott – Army PFC
Pulliam, Marvin – Army E-4
Quick, David Thomas – Air Force
Quincy, W.W. (Bill) Jr. – WWII
Radtke, Patrick – US Army Artillery 1st Lt
Ragland, Walter A. – Army, 1966-1968, E-5
Rainner, Charles
Ramsey, Tecumseh Elvis Dee – Army Staff Sgt.
Randolph III, Thomas M – Army, 1959-1961
Randolph, Robert Mayberry – Navy served w/Marines, 1954-1958
Randolph, Sobe Love – Navy, 1945-1946
Rankin III, Hugh Bennett – Air Force
Ratliff, John (DECEASED)
Ray, Brian Wade – Navy
Ray, Casey A. – Army National Guard, Sgt.
Ray, Ernest R.
Ray, Jerry Max – Army, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Ray, Joseph
Ray, Scott
Ray, Todd R. – Air Force, MSgt.
Ream IV, Robert L. – Navy
Ream, Robert Lee V. – Navy, SSMT 3rd Class
Reams, Terri – Air Force ANG
Ream, Vinnie – Air Force Master Sergeant (DECEASED)
Reams, Teresa
Reed, Michael – Army
Reed, Paul – Army, Korea
Reeder, Charles A. – Army, 88th Infantry Div., COF 351st Regiment, WWII –POW (DECEASED)
Reich, Dana – Army
Renfro, Gary – Army, 1967-1969
Reynolds, Walter Ray – Army
Reynolds, Walter – Army, Korea and WWII (DECEASED)
Rice, Jeffrey James – Army
Rice, Bill – Marine Corps, Korea
Rich, Perry – Marines
Richards, Charles R. – Army VetCorp Sgt.
Richardson, Johnny – Army - Private
Riddle, Ernest G. – Army NCO
Rider, Anthony "Tony" – USMC
Rider, Arnold
Rider, D.B. – Navy, Recruit
Rider, Larry D. – Air Force, A/3C
Ridgeway, John C. – Army
Ridley, Jerry Kenneth – Army, Korea
Riegel Icey, Rose Lee – Marine Corps
Riggs, Darral Wayne – Navy
Ring, Ronald D. – Marines
Ringer, Charles – Navy, 1967-1971
Risdon, Raygon L. – Navy, WWII
Risdon, Ronald D. – Navy, GMG2 E-5
Rivas, Charles "Chuck" – Army, Sgt., Vietnam
Rivas, Franklin – Air Force A1C, Korea
Roane, Lewis – Navy, 20 years
Roark, Donald – Army/Air Force, 1955-1967; 1977-1990
Roark, Kevin – Army, 1982-1986
Roberti, William Vincent – Army, Colonel
Roberts, Brenda
Roberts, Charles Allen – Navy, E-8
Roberts, H.D. – Air Force, 1968-1969
Roberts, Hubert Dennis Jr. – Air Force
Roberts, Roger – Army
Robinson, Robert Timothy – Army Chief Warrant Officer, Vietnam
Rochelle, Wendell K. – National Guard
Rodden, Jimmy – Army
Rodke, David Lawrence – Army (DECEASED)
Rodke, David Sterling – Navy (DECEASED)
Rodke, Larry Russel – Navy (DECEASED)
Rodke, Perry Colbert – Army, Air Force (DECEASED)
Rodke, Phillip Michael – Air Force (DECEASED)
Rodke, R.B.
Rodke, Scott Patrick – Army
Rogelio, Raymond – National Guard
Rogers, Beverly – Navy
Rogers, Roger – Army
Roller, Gerald Quinton – Army, 1967-1969
Roller, Greg – U.S. Coast Guard
Rolin, Roy – WWII, Korean
Ross, Bob Ray – Army Sgt.
Ross, David – Army
Ross, Herman Wilson – WWI Pacific (DECEASED)
Ross, John
Rowe, James B. – Army, PFC (DECEASED)
Rowles, John Leland – Navy, Corpsman, Vietnam
Rowles Jr, John Stephen – Marines, WWII (DECEASED)
Rowles, Joseph Francis – Navy, WWII
Rowles, Richard Stephen – Navy, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Runnels Sr., Thurman Thomas -- Army Air Corp WWII
Rushforth, Durward – Army, 1965-1986
Russell, Cecil – Army, National Guard
Russell, Michael Wayne – Army, 1990-2007
Russell, Leonard E. – Air Force MSgt
Saiser, Richard W. – Air Force, Captain
Saiser, Richard R. – Air Force FAC-interpreter, Vietnam Era
Sanders, Steven Jess – Navy
Sanders, James –Army E4, Vietnam
Sanders, Larry Ray – Army Command Sergeant Major, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Sanders, Michael Edward – Marine Corps (DECEASED)
Sanders, Mitchell – Air Force 1963-1966
Sands, Johnny Ray – Army
Saxon, Alice – Air Force
Schaff, Eric A. – Army
Schaff, Mark A. – Army
Schwartz, Justin C. – USMC Sgt., Afghanistan
Scoggin, Henry B. – Staff Sgt. WWII (DECEASED)
Scoggins, Joe E.
Scott, Bill – Army, Korean War
Scott, Carter – Army, Korean War
Scott, Jamie – Air Force
Scott, Jimmie – Army Reserve Major
Scribner, James – Army, Cpl.
Scribner, James L. – Army, E7 1st Engineers Arctic Division
Scribner, Theodore (Ted) – Army, 1964-1985
Sealey, Gerald – Navy E-5
Sealey, Leonard – Army, SFC-E7, Vietnam
Seay, Howard L., Jr. – Navy (DECEASED)
Seeley, Alonzo – Army, WWI (DECEASED)
Seeley, Ben – Army (DECEASED)
Seeley, Bernie – Army SSG
Seeley, Emmitt – Army, WWII (PFC)
Seeley, Joseph Booth – Army Sgt., WWII (DECEASED)
Seeley, Leon – Army, WWII
Seeley, Leslie – Marines
Seeley, Ottwell – Navy
Seeley, Walton – Army
Seeley, Wylie – Navy
Seely, Dwight – Army, 1959
Sellers, Thea Julaine – Air Force
Sessions, Wayne
Sharpe, Mack – Marines
Shavney, Beulah – Army
Shaw, Bobby Gene – Army, Vietnam
Shearer, Philip Rannel – Army N.G.
Sheffield, Richard – Army
Sheppard, James – Air Force
Shico, Charles James Sr. – National Guard (DECEASED)
Shico, Donald – Vietnam Era (DECEASED)
Shields, Brandon – Army
Shields, Charles – Army (DECEASED)
Shields, Homer – Army, 1961-1965
Shields, Michael J. – Marines, Corporal, 1989-1993
Shiosee, Seddie – Army National Guard
Shilling, Sue - USAR E-7, 1976-1996, Retired
Shiosee, Stevie – Army
Shipman, D.C. – Army, WWII
Shipman, Floyd – T-5
Shipman, Gail Scott – Air Force, WWII
Shipman, Thad – Air Force (DECEASED)
Short, Robert P. ¬– Army Sgt., WWI (DECEASED)
Short, Robert P. Jr. – Army Sgt., WWII (DECEASED)
Short, Thomas J. – Army Sgt., WWII (DECEASED)
Shrock, Herbert – Air Force
Simms, Barry R. – Army, Infantry instructor, Korean era, 1 Lt.
Simms, Thomas S. – Marines, Major, Korean conflict
Sisson, Robert – Navy, AE1
Slater, Michael
Smith, Brian – Air Force
Smith, Calvin C.
Smith, Donald L. – Marines, SSGT
Smith, Donny Howard – Army, Private E-1
Smith, E.R. Jr. – Army, WWII – Korean War
Smith Jr., Floyd – Army, Sgt.
Smith, Floyd W. – Army, Sp-4
Smith, Francis Talmage – Army 1945-1946 (DECEASED)
Smith, Frank – Marines
Smith, Harris Stephen II
Smith, Helen E.
Smith, Jack Lee – Army, Sgt.
Smith, James E. – Army, E-5
Smith, Kennith Ray – Army, Korea
Smith, Kenneth W. – Army, Korea
Smith, Larry – Army
Smith, Michael
Smith, Riley Hearn – Army, 82nd airborne 1943-1944 (DECEASED)
Smith, Stanley E. – Army
Smith, Tom – Navy, 1964-1968
Snider, Elisha Jeremy – Army
Snyder, Brian Karl – Army Artillery, Vietnam Era
Snyder, Clifford Gene – Army 504th MP Battalion, Vietnam Era
Somers, Doyle Eugene – Air Force E8
Soto, Jimmie – Marines
Souders, Robert
Sparks, Jerry
Sparlin, Jason – Army National Guard 2000-2013 (Iraq 03/04, Iraq 07/08 and Afghanistan 11/12)
Speaks, Sterling Silver Jr. – Army, SP4
Sperry, Clarence E. – Navy Petty Officer
Sperry, Joe Frank – Navy Petty Officer
Sperry, Robert D. – Marine
Spivey, Hubert Girwood (H.G.) – Army
Spivey, James Bryan – Navy Seaman, Korea
Spradlin, Joshua P. – Navy Master of Arms Seaman Apprentice
Spradling, Jason – Army, Persian Gulf
Springman, Mark – Army
Squires, Bruce – Army, 1st Lt., (Engineer), Vietnam Veteran, two Bronze Stars (V & M) and an Air Medal for Valor
Squires, David A. – Army, Spec. 5, Vietnam Veteran, Bronze Star (M).
Squires, David R. -- Air force, Captain, Bronze Star (M) 12 years of service
Squires, Richard E. – Marines, Major, Vietnam Veteran, Bronze Star with V and Purple Heart (Retired)
Stafford, Carlos Russell
Stafford, Carlos R., Sr. – Navy
Stafford, Shawn W. – Army
Stanley, Jerry – Army, SGT (T)
Staton, Doug – Air Force, 1964-1965, Sgt.
Staton, Jesse D. – Air Force, Vietnam
Stephens, James R. – Navy (DECEASED)
Stephens, Robert R. – Navy, 1941-1945 (DECEASED)
Stephens, Theea – ONG (Activated-OEF/OIF)
Stephenson, George L. – Air Force/Navy
Stephenson, Thomas, – Air Force
Stevens, James
Stevenson, Charles – Army/USAF
Steward, Chris
Stewart, David
Stewart, Sheri R. – Air Force
Stick, Martin – Marine Corps, Vietnam
Sticks, Russell R. – National Guard (DECEASED)
Still, Jessie Lee
Still, Joel
Stinson, Albert J. – Sgt. U.S. Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Stinson, Felix C. – T-5 U.S. Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Stinson, Jeff – Army
Stogner, Charles H. II
Stout, David Ray – Army SP 4, Vietnam, received bronze medal, 48th Infantry Platoon (DECEASED)
Stout, Herman
Strahan, David – Navy, EN3, submarines
Straughn, Barry Vernon – Air Force
Straughn, Garry – Army
Straughn, Marlin – Air Force
Straughn, Paul L.
Stephenson, Clyde W.—Army/Navy, Retired (Steel Worker Senior Chief)
Strickland, J.W. – Navy
Strong, Charles Richard – Army, Private E2
Strong, John Ralph – Air Force,
Strong, Thomas Anthony – Army, Private
Strong, William Robert – Army, Major
Stuart, H. Elvin – Marine, Vietnam Era
Suggs, Harwood D. – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Suggs, Orel – Air Force, Korean era
Sumpter Jr., Gary Lee – Air Force Reserves
Surber, Dan – Army, Korean War
Surber, Frank – Army, Korean War
Sweeney, Leonard – Army, Cpl.
Sweeney, Oscar – Marine, Vietnam
Sweet, Bobby Lewis – Marine Corps, 1967-1968
Sweet, David
Sweet, Jerry – Marines, Vietnam Era
Swift, Ronald William – Navy
Swindell, Doyle L. – Air Force
Swindle, Ben F. – Army, WWII
Swinney, Charles B. – Army, Sgt. 1st Class
Swinney, Fred – Army, Pvt.
Swinney, James Clayton – Air Force
Swinney, Johnny – Air Force, A/2C
Swinney, Roy Harry – Navy, WWII
Tabor, George – Army , 1967-1990
Tabor, Marvin – Army, 1968-1972
Tabor, Marvin T. – Army WWII / Air Force, Korean Conflict (D

'Love Lives On' event set for Nov. 19 at ECU

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day

The Chickasaw Nation hosts "Love Lives On", an International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day event, Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at East Central University's Chickasaw Business and Conference Center, 830 East Main Street in Ada, Okla.

Join the community of suicide loss survivors to find comfort and gain understanding as they share stories of healing and hope.

Lunch will be provided. The first 100 people to register will receive a T-shirt

For more information, or to pre-register, contact Deanna Carpitche at (580) 421-8734 or deanna.carpitche@chickasaw.net.

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Tribe's direct hiring event paying dividends

NEWCASTLE, Okla. - Marcus Tartsah was not sure what to expect when he applied for employment with the Chickasaw Nation event last September.

"I was a police officer for six years and I really loved my job, but I had a little boy and wanted something with more stable hours," Mr. Tartsah, a Chickasaw citizen, said. "I was willing to apply for anything I could find to get my foot in the door."

Chickasaw Nation recruiter Haleigh Ralls walked Mr. Tartsah through applying with the Chickasaw Nation.

"She advised me to be persistent and patient," he said. "She recommended an upcoming citizen's direct hiring event and encouraged me to apply for multiple positions. It was nice knowing that I had someone there who was genuinely interested in helping me find a career that I could further myself in with the Chickasaw Nation."

Mr. Tartsah applied for an office analyst position within the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commission. He received an interview during the Coffee and Careers event, and then, a job offer.

After one year of employment, he has been promoted two times, and is now a licensing investigator.

"The tasks I complete in my job fall in line with my background as a police officer," Mr. Tartsah said. "I take great pride in what I do because we are on the front line in keeping people who visit and work in our casinos safe. We're there to protect and help. Someone took a chance on me so I want to give that same chance to others who want a career in our casinos."

Mr. Tartsah said the recruiters and direct hiring events are great tools for citizens seeking employment with the Chickasaw Nation. The events, he said, shorten the process of beginning employment and also allow citizens to have a face to face meeting with hiring managers, getting the opportunity to sell themselves and be more memorable than just a name on an application.

"Chickasaw Nation recruiters are an excellent tool people should take advantage of," he said.

Job seekers are encouraged to complete an application online at www.chickasaw.net/careers. Interested applicants can find a list of job opportunities on the career page of the website.

"Something I love about the Chickasaw Nation is their dedication to employing people in positions that help better their futures and the futures of their families," Mr. Tartsah said. "Recruiters are available to guide and assist with job placement, making sure Chickasaw citizens are placed in positions that will move both them and the Chickasaw Nation forward. Whether or not I received a job offer that day, I decided ahead of time to maintain a positive attitude and keep my hopes up. No matter what type of position you interview for, be genuine and make sure you look your best. To me that makes a huge difference."

For Chickasaw Nation career opportunities, visit www.chickasaw.net/careers. Applications can be completed and resumes can be uploaded online.

For more information about hiring events or recruitment call (580) 310-6447 or email ChickasawRecruiters@chickasaw.net.

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'The Unextinguished Fire'

Chickasaw artist tops at Santa Fe Market

SANTA FE, N.M. – Chickasaw artist Dustin Mater feels as if his eclectic art creations are finding greater acceptance and he is on the cusp of an artistic breakthrough.

Mr. Mater's sculpture "The Unextinguished Fire" won First Place in the Sculpture Division at the Southwest Association of Indian Arts (SWAIA) Indian Market, one of the most prestigious Native American art shows in the nation. Artists from across the country vie to be juried into the competition each August.

"This piece actually finished third at the Artesian Arts Festival last May," Mr. Mater said. "I think folks were not accustomed to anything like my peculiar take on Southeast art."

He chose to title the work after his Chickasaw ancestors from antiquity.

"It represents the Chickasaws for never giving up and never giving in; that fire still burns," he said. "When (judges) laid that first place ribbon next to (it), I was just gobsmacked. I kept thinking 'Wow, I won!'"

Mr. Mater said artists in his division had brought their very best works.

"They had such a diverse range of incredible work," he said. "To some degree, it was a little intimidating. More and more people are beginning to gravitate to some of my ideas and many of my creations. It just makes me believe I'm on the right path."

The first place sculpture relies on several different materials, a Dustin Mater trademark.

He describes it as a multiple piece sculpture with a gourd base.

"The outer flames are acid-etched copper with traditional southeastern tribal patterns," he said. "The center piece is a lightning whelk which I carved to make it look like the center of a flame. I tried to use materials that would have been used in antiquity."

MAKING HIS MARK

The artist has been on the Native American art scene for several years now, most notably for his conch shell engravings and gorget wardrobe accessories.

His artfwork is on display at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of the American Indian. His work has also been displayed and sold at Orenda Art International in Paris and Indigenous Brilliance in Edinburgh, Scotland, and accepted nationally from several venues.

"I still love superheroes, robots and monsters," he said.

It was a real-life Chickasaw "superhero" that inspired one of his greatest works of art. That action figure is of astronaut John Herrington, the first member of a Native American tribe to blast off from Earth and walk in the abyss of space.

His gorget shell carving of an ancient Chickasaw man wearing a modern-day space helmet, his arms bearing the feathers of a falcon, was purchased by the Smithsonian. It is a part of the permanent Smithsonian collection and is on display.

The work is titled "John Herrington: 21st Century Bird Man."

Several gorgets have been prominently displayed – and sold – in European markets. His creations continue to delight festival-goers across the country.

His Pendleton blanket design "Spring" was a huge success.

Mr. Mater admired the company and its dedication to quality. But the Chickasaw artist saw immediately Pendleton was ignoring Southeastern tribes' ancient designs and symbols.

He contacted them.

He pitched his "Spring" design featuring symbols of a Southeastern tribe – specifically Chickasaw but symbols accepted by other members of the Five Civilized Tribes. Pendleton loved it.

The blanket includes the Creator's ever-watchful eye. The red woodpecker brings good luck and protection. And, typical of Mater, he colored outside the lines. Life-giving rain drops pepper the work of art.

Mater believes the blanket's design, signifying rebirth and fresh beginnings, is especially appropriate as Mississippian-inspired art is enjoying a Renaissance.

Dustin Mater with his award-winning "The Unextinguished Fire."

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Nevaquaya work featured in *Taos Magazine*

TAOS, N.M. – Rich in color, action and creative vision, "Whirlwind on the Plains" by acclaimed Chickasaw painter and flutist Tim Nevaquaya graced the August cover of one of New Mexico's premiere arts magazines.

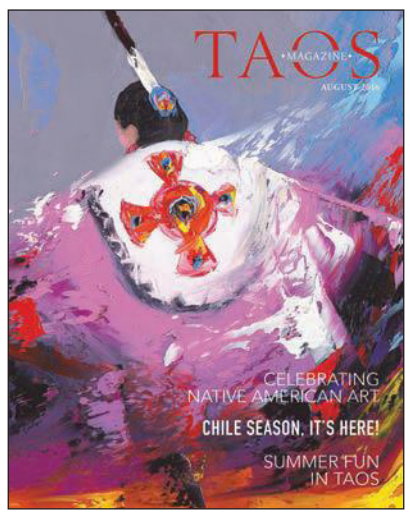
Fiery orange, yellow and red fade seamlessly into subtle pastel purple, pink and white. Each quietly transforms into a mountain range where a northern Plains tribesman dances in ceremonial regalia affixed with religious symbolism. A lone bald eagle feather adorns the dancer's crown, reaching to a grayish-blue sky.

"The painting depicts a northern Plains fancy shawl dancer," Mr. Nevaquaya said. "That fancy dance is making a resurgence in Native circles. It really is a beautiful and graceful dance, magical and mysterious."

For the painting to grace the cover of Taos Magazine – a "what's happening" in Taos' multi-venue publication of music, theatre, poetry, Native and contemporary art – is an exercise in patience for Mr. Nevaquaya, whose presence on the Taos art scene is nearly a decade old.

Ten years ago, the artist traveled to this quaint community of 5,700 souls bordered by the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, a subrange of the mighty Rockies. The community itself was established in 1934, but the adobe structures that define it are believed to have sheltered Native Americans for centuries.

With a handful of original art and blessed with the surname Nevaquaya – his father, the late Doc Tate Nevaquaya, was legendary for works of art commanding thousands of dollars – he made the acquaintance of probably the most important Native art gallery owner in Taos, Michael McCormick.



"Whirlwind on the Plains," a painting by Chickasaw artist Tim Nevaquaya, was featured on the cover of the August *Taos Magazine*. Nevaquaya will be in Taos Aug 17-22 for Taos Indian Market. He was the featured artist in a one-man show Aug. 20 at Michael McCormick Gallery in Taos.

The two hit it off immediately and that friendship has only grown stronger through the years.

"It was a blessing to meet Michael," Mr. Nevaquaya said. "I believe our mutual respect and admiration was a blessing from God. Since that first day, Michael has always displayed my work in his gallery."

On Aug. 20, Mr. Nevaquaya began a one-man exhibit at Michael McCormick's gallery in Taos at a special showing of his multiple gifts and extraordinary talent. Like his father before him, the artist is breaking new ground in Native American flute playing.

"Who knows, a concert may break out," the artist says with a laugh. The show was slated as part of the Taos Indian Market.

Mr. Nevaquaya has performed and shown his artwork in the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, The Gilcrease Museum of Western Art, The Philbrook Museum, the Oklahoma Governor's Ball, the Oklahoma State Capitol, The University of Oklahoma, The Great Plains Museum, the Southern Plains Museum, the Comanche Nation Museum, the ARTesian Art Gallery and Exhibit C.

He owns and manages Nevaquaya Fine Arts: A Legacy Gallery in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and makes his home in Apache, Oklahoma, with his wife, Alicia, and their sons.

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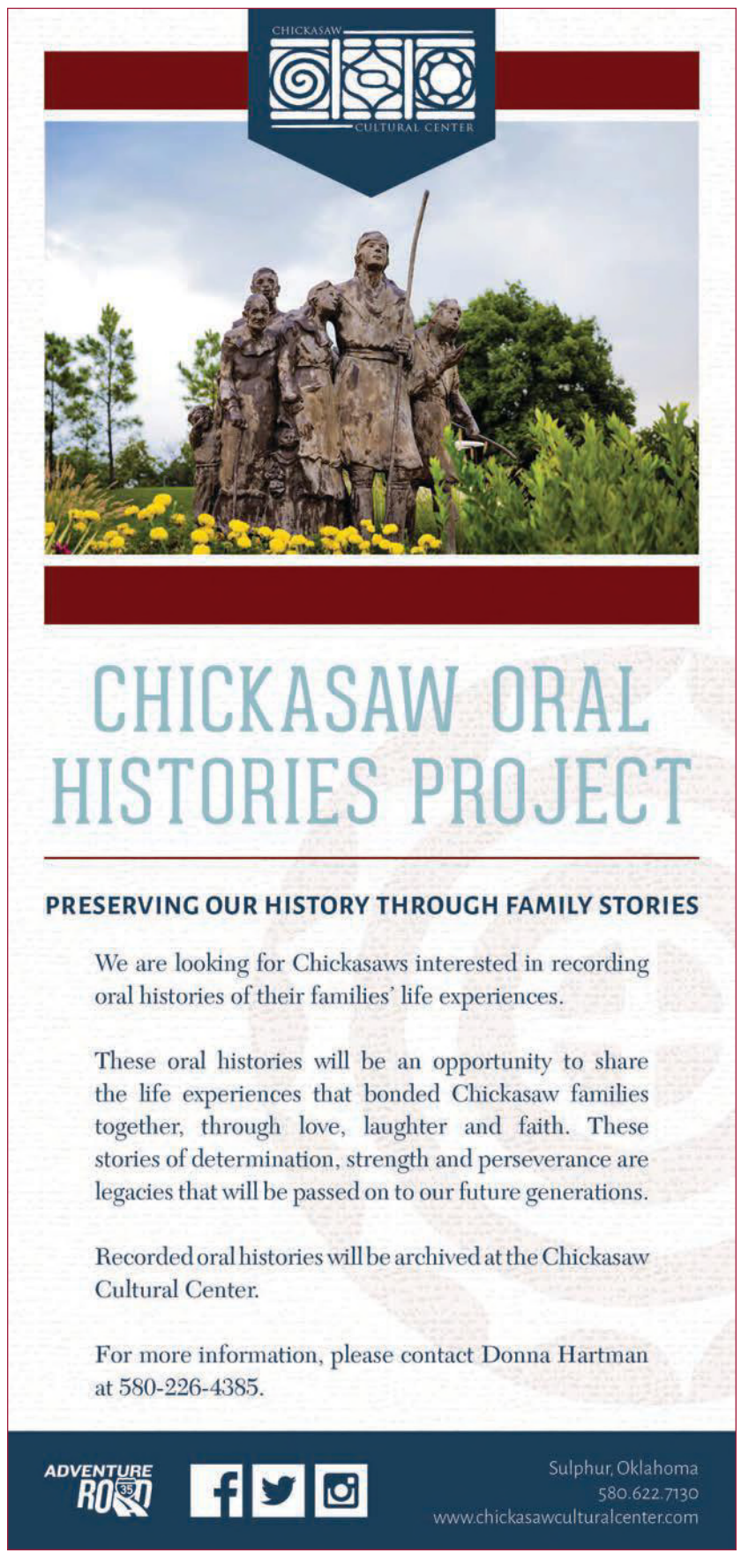
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Brevimalictis Chikasha

Newly-discovered mammal named in honor of Chickasaws

SULPHUR, Okla. – A team of research scientists recently discovered a new species…and dedicated it to Chickasaws.

During an excavation in the Great Basin area, the team discovered an ancient mammal it named Brevimalictis Chikasha. The creature's name, which honors the Chickasaw people, was presented during the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards, Sept. 29 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

The unveiling of Brevimalictis Chikasha was led by Dr. Kent Smith, associate dean, Office for the Advancement of American Indians in Medicine and Science at Oklahoma State University.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, left, accepts a bronzed replica of a jaw bone of a recently-discovered ancient species from Dr. Kent Smith. Dr. Smith and his colleagues named the species Brevimalictis Chikasha in honor of the Chickasaw people. Photo by March Gray.

"The greatest honor a research scientist can bestow on an individual or on a people is to name a new organism after them," Dr. Smith said. "Not all scientists get to discover new organisms, but during our excavation we had the fortune of finding a new carnivore.

"It is 16 million years old and new to science, so we got to name this new carnivore and describe it. We named the species after the Chickasaw people, who are unconquered and unconquerable and are known for their great progressive education-focused values and preservation of their native culture. The species name is Chikasha," Dr. Smith said.

The newly discovered carnivore Brevimalictis (short-jawed Mustelidae) Chikasha, is similar to a badger.

Dr. Smith presented a bronze replica of the fossilized jaw and the published findings to Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

This ancient mammal was about the size of an existing long-tailed weasel. It lived at a relatively high elevation in a temperate forest ecosystem in the Great Basin area, which includes most of present-day Nevada, portions of Utah, Oregon, California.

The bronze replica jaw is now on display at the Holisso Center on the campus of the Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Cooper Memorial Drive, Sulphur.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

Block printmaking class set for Nov. 5-19

SULPHUR, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities presents Making Multiples, Linoleum Block Printmaking from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, and 19 at the ARTesian Gallery and Studios in Sulphur.

During this course, participants will explore a brief history of printmaking while becoming familiar with the process of creating art on a linoleum block.

Class fee is $25. Spaces are limited.

For more information, or to enroll, contact the ARTesian Gallery and Studios at (580) 622-8040.

Tribe, Gov. Anoatubby welcome USS Chickasaw veterans

SULPHUR, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby offered a warm welcome to more than 20 veterans who served aboard the U.S.S. Chickasaw, a ship that saw action during World War II and Korea.

"Thank you for answering the call of duty and thank you for defending America and upholding our values and our freedom," Gov. Anoatubby told the veterans during a September gathering at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. "We are so grateful for each and every one of you."

This year marks the 27th reunion for veterans, their wives and children who traveled to Chickasaw Country to experience the weeklong reunion.

Veterans understood the ship was named for a Native American Indian tribe. Gov. Anoatubby told veterans the Chickasaw name is "proud and respected."

"Chickasaws were known by early Europeans for their prowess in the art of war," he said. "Despite fewer numbers than neighboring tribes, Chickasaws were respected and feared as great warriors, never known to have been defeated in battle."

Men who served on the vessel, Gov. Anoatubby said, honored the Chickasaw tribe through their sacrifice and service.

An exhibit at the Holisso Research Center, on the campus of the Chickasaw Cultural Center, was officially opened to the public. Gov. Anoatubby said it was the tribe's way of showing its appreciation to the U.S.S. Chickasaw veterans.

The exhibit includes photographs, letters, uniforms, memorabilia, and a scale model of the ship.

The U.S.S. Chickasaw received many service citations during World War II and beyond. The ship was cited with the World War II Victory Medal; Korean Service Medal; Navy Unit Commendation; Philippines Liberation Medal; American Campaign Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal.

Veteran Joe Rusk, a Colorado native who served in the early 1960s as an electronics technician, said "this is the best reunion we have ever had. The only regret we have is a lot of our shipmates have passed on so they are not here to see this.

"But at least their memory and the memory of the ship will be preserved for posterity. Having Gov. Anoatubby here to (open) the exhibit really made this a special day."

The veterans spent the week at the Artesian Hotel. Tours of the Chickasaw Nation, its historic buildings and places of interest, as well as tours of many attractions nearby, such as the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, helped familiarize the veterans with the region.

During World War II, the U.S. Navy contracted the building of many ships for service, among them was a small and powerful seagoing tugboat named the U.S.S. Chickasaw (ATF-83).

As the third and last U.S. Naval vessel named after the Chickasaw tribe, her service record was superior. Commissioned in 1943, the ship's naval career ended after 33 years with the Pacific Fleet.

She was involved in heavy fighting during important campaigns in the Pacific. The ship received a total of eight commendation battle stars for her wartime service. Each battle star represents either meritorious actions or damage during combat operations.

Governor Bill Anoatubby welcomes veterans of the U.S.S. Chickasaw to the Chickasaw Nation. A mid-September reunion of crew members was sponsored by the tribe. A special exhibit honoring the ship and crew was unveiled in the Holisso Research Center on the Chickasaw Cultural Center campus.

The U.S.S. Chickasaw and her crew also earned the Navy Unit Commendation Award for service in salvage, firefighting and rescue during operations against the Japanese Navy near the Philippine Islands.

Its mission was to support other ships within the fleet by providing rescue, firefighting and salvage duties. She was one of many ships known as Navajo Class Fleet Tugs. All of the Navajo Class ships were named in honor of Native American tribes. Built like larger warships, these tugboats were powerful, maneuverable and able to sail the open ocean.

"These small auxiliary ships helped save some of the biggest and most powerful warships," wrote Cmdr. Edward Lundquist in "Fleet Tugs in World War II."

"Perhaps the best known among the ocean-going tugs of the World War II era were the 205-foot fleet tugs of the Navajo Class," he wrote.

The U.S.S Chickasaw had a crew of five officers and 80 enlisted men. She had the highest standard of equipment aboard a tugboat of her time. Her potent diesel engines and modern towing winches could pull back to port the largest ships disabled at sea.

Other equipment aboard were salvage pumps to remove water from stricken ships, specialized anchors to help in recovery operations and specialized firefighting equipment. The crew was specially trained in advanced firefighting techniques.

While not a warship, the ship was lightly armed for protection. Her armament included one single three-inch, .50-caliber dual purpose gun mount and numerous anti-aircraft weapons. During World War II, she was also fitted with depth charges capable of sinking enemy submarines.

CONTRIBUTED BY Gene Lehmann, Media Relations and K.C. Cole, Public Affairs.

Veterans List (continued)

Underhill, Jerry – Marines, WWII
Underwood, Benjamin – Air Force
Underwood, Billie Lewis – Air Force, Airman 2nd Class
Underwood, Cecil
Underwood, Charles – Army, Sgt. E-5
Underwood, David Lynn – Army
Underwood, Fred – Army NG
Underwood, Hoyett L. – Army (DECEASED)
Underwood, J.H. – Army, WWI Pvt. (DECEASED)
Underwood, James – Army, Vietnam Era
Underwood, Jerry – Air Force, 1954-1974
Underwood, Justin – Navy and Army National Guard
Underwood, Rachel – Navy
Underwood Jr., Sampson – Air Force E-6
Underwood, Shawn – Army Lieutenant Colonel
Underwood, Tecumseh – Army, WWII
Underwood, Thedo – Air Force
Upchurch, Glen – Army, WWII
Upchurch, Jimmy – Marine Corps, Vietnam (DECEASED) KIA-Vietnam
Vaglio, Jeffrey Thomas – Army
Vale, James M. Jr. – Army, Staff Sgt.
Vale, John W. – Air Force
Vann, Charles W. – Air Force
Vann, Gordon P.
Victor, Alfred – Civil War
Von Tungeln, Micheal – Marine
Wade, Lenard L. – Navy, WWII
Wade, Sidney (Bob) V. – Army, WWII
Wafford, Nem D. – Army, Vietnam
Walcott, Jack P. – Air Force, Berlin Crisis
Waldon, Kenneth – Army
Waldon Jr., Burney Douglas – Navy, Vietnam
Waldon, Noel, Army, Vietnam
Walker, Benny Chris – Navy, AO3 AC
Walker, Billy Murray – Army Corporal
Walker, David D. – Marine Corps
Walker, Jacob Tandy – Army Corporal
Walker, Jodie D. – Marines, WWII (DECEASED)
Walker, Johnny
Walker, Teddy Ray – Navy
Walker, Toni – Marine Corps, 1980-1982
Walker, William Dugles – Navy, Seaman Second Class USS Oklahoma
Walker, William Tandy – Army Medical Service Corps Officer, 1977-2001
Walker, Woodrow W. – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Walker, Wordley – Natl Guard Army-Private 1st Class
Wallace, Christopher Lee – U.S. Army Band, SSGT
Wallace, Clarence – Air Force Airman 1st Class
Wallace, David Lee – Air Force / Air National Guard Reserve, MSGT
Wallace, James A.
Wallace, Joe W. – Air Force, 1971-1991
Wallace, Ludie – Army PFC
Wallace, Ronold – Air Force
Wallace, Robert R. – Marine
Wallace, Tommy Gaylord – Army (DECEASED)
Walton, Ervin – Army, Vietnam Era
Walton, Myrt – Army
Walton, Robert – Army
Walton, Thomas – Air Force
Ward, Michael
Ward, William M. – Army Spc. 4
Warren, Eric – Navy, Afghanistan (DECEASED)
Warren, Teddy L. – Air Force
Washburn, Darrell L. – Army
Washburn, Tracy – Army
Washington, Herman – Army
Washington, Marion
Wasson, Clark – U.S. Marines Corps, Sgt.
Watkins, Obie A.—Army FCC (Retired)
Watson, Eddie – Navy, CWO-3
Watson, Jack W. – Navy GMG1
Watts, Lester – Army, SP4 E-4
Weaver, Jesse D. – Army, SP-5
Weaver, Ozzie
Webb, Bryan Christopher – Air Force E-4
Webb, William
Wells, Billy Amon – Air Force Master Sergeant
Wells, Charlie – Army, Sgt.
Wells, Dee – Air Force, S-Sgt.
Wells, Gary C. – Navy, AMS3
Wells, Jason J. – Navy 1990-1995
Wells, Morgan – Navy Seaman 1st Class
Wells, Phillip – Navy, 1965-1969
Wells, Richard Lee – Navy, Seaman 1st Class
Wells, Shamus Lynn – Navy, 1994-1998
Welsh, James Leroy Jr.
Whatley, Owen N. – Navy, AT3
White, Ben Jr. – Army Air Corp Major, WWII
White, Harry W. – Army Air Corp First Lieutenant, WWII
White, Phillip B. – Army, Spec. 4
White, Walter Ross – Army Air Corp, WWII
White, William A. – Air Force, 1968-1974
Whitfield, Billy – Army (DECEASED)
Whitfield, Jack – US Navy AOM 3C
Whitfield, James
Whitfield, Marion Doerton – Navy AOM/1C
Whitfield, Michael
Whiting, Dugan Dale – Army Tech 5, WWII (Honorable Discharge)
Whitmire, Jackie Lee
Whitt, Doug – Army Air Corps
Wilcox, Jobelle Draughon – Navy Nurse, WWII
Wilkins, Timothy
Willard, Gaylan – Army
Williams, Byron Edward – Air Force
Williams, Douglas John – Navy
Williams, Jacqueline – Army, Persian Gulf
Williams, John D. – Col. Army, 1988-current
Williams, Kenneth E.
Williams, Lemuel Ralph
Williams, Leo Edwin – Navy, 1943-1946, WWII
Williams, Michael V. – Marine Corps
Williams, Paul G. – Army, Germany
Williams, Robert – Air Force
Williams, Timothy W. – Marines
Williams, Tommy – Air Force, SSGT E-5
Williamson, Arthur – Army, WWII
Williamson, Daniel – Army, Vietnam-Korea
Williamson, Jacob Patrick – Active Navy USS San Antone, 2012 Naval Academy
Williamson, James A. – Navy, 1958-1962
Williamson, Jay – Navy, Persian Gulf Era
Williamson, John – Army, Somalia-Iraq
Williamson, John Michael – Navy Academy 2013, Medical School-Navy
Williamson, Shawn – Marines
Williford, Alan F. – Army National Guard, Vietnam
Williford, John – Army Air Corp, WWII
Williford, Lawrence E. – Navy, WWII
Williford, Samuel F. – Army, WWII
Willis, Carl Frank – Army, Vietnam
Willis, Holmes – ONG
Willis, Jared – Army, Iraq
Willis, John Gibson – Air Force, WWII (DECEASED)
Willis, Orlie Louis
Willis, Overton Love – Army, WWI (DECEASED)
Willis, Roger Dale – Air Force
Willis, Van – Natl Guard Private 1st Class
Willis Jr., Benjamin Forrest – Navy
Wilson, Dustin
Wilson Jr., Harvey – National Guard/Army SFC, Korea
Wilson, Jackie Dee – Navy
Wilson, Joseph – Army E5, 1966-1968
Wilson, Paul Stanley – Marine Corps, Vietnam
Wilson, Rex – Marines
Wilson, Rick
Wisdom, Beaman – Army
Wisdom, Johnson – Army
Wisdom, Noah Jr. – Army
Wisdom, Noah – WWII (DECEASED)
Wiseman, Ronald – Air Force
Wolf, Leo – Army WWII (DECEASED)
Wolfe, Jan Sr. – Navy, SN E-3
Wolfe, John F. – Air Force (DECEASED)
Wood, Robert F. (DECEASED)
Woodruff, David C. – Marines
Woods, Jerry Dale – Air Force
Woodward, James – Army, 1959-1961
Woodward, Robert – Army, 1953-1955
Woody, Charles – Navy 2nd Class Gunners Mate, 1942-1945
Wooley, Robert – Korean Veteran
Woolley, William Walter Jr. – Navy, Pilot, WWII
Worcester, Bill – Army, 1966-1968
Worcester, Frank
Worcester, Lester
Worcester, Melvin
Worcester, Michael – Navy
Worcester, Roy – Marine/NG
Worley, Ted A. – Navy, 1959-1963
Wright, Ethan Andrew – Navy BMSN
Wright, George – Army, E-5
Wright, George Weldon – Army N.G.
Wright, Jesse – Army/Green Beret, 4 tours Iraq and Afghanistan
Wyatt, Richard
Wyers, Patrick – Army , 1957-1959
Wyers, Sampson Jr. – Navy, WWII (PHM2-C)
Wynne, Jimmy J. – Marine Corps - Desert Storm, National Guard - Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom/Bronze Star Recipient, currently serving as Command Sergeant Major in the OK National Guard 1-158 FA (HIMARS)
Yates, Charles H. –Air Force
Yegge, Don – US Navy
Yoakum, Woodrow - Army Seventh Corp 951st F.A.
Young, Gerald – Army, SP-3
Young, James Mansfield – Army
Young, Murray – Marine Corps CW03
Young, Roger B. – Army SFC Ret.
Zack, Sharon – Navy, YN3

Photo Workshop set for Nov. 12 at Artesian Gallery

SULPHUR, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities will present a fall season photography workshop from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12 at the ARTesian Gallery and Studios in Sulphur.

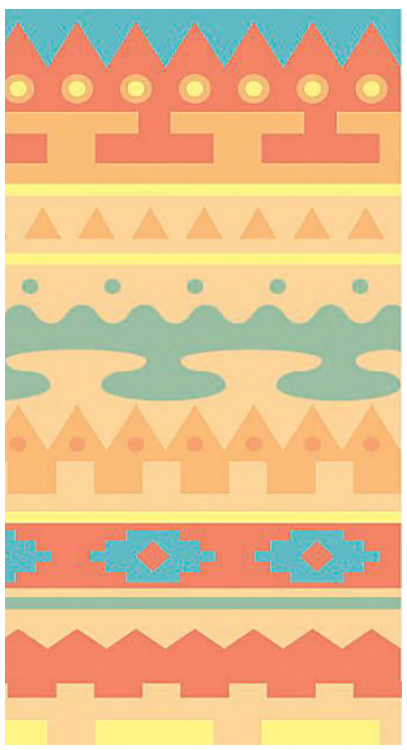
This workshop will allow participants to enjoy beautiful landscapes while providing a variety of lighting challenges.

Instructor Tanya Lowrance will teach participants the various features of their cameras, how to analyze light and adjust the camera accordingly, utilize filters and study successful composition guidelines.

Participants need to bring a camera with interchangeable lenses, comfortable walking/hiking shoes and season appropriate clothes.

This workshop is free and open to the public. Class size is limited.

For more information, or to register, contact the ARTesian Gallery and Studios at (580) 622-8040.



Tribe, Sovereign Nations Center support

Chickasaw OSU student making the most of opportunities

STILLWATER, Okla.- The Oklahoma State University (OSU) Center for Sovereign Nations offers support, resources and a familiar atmosphere for Chickasaw and other Native American students attending OSU. Student leaders have the opportunity to network with students and organizations who represent other Native American tribes, and have a hand in planning events and providing leadership of the Native American student body.

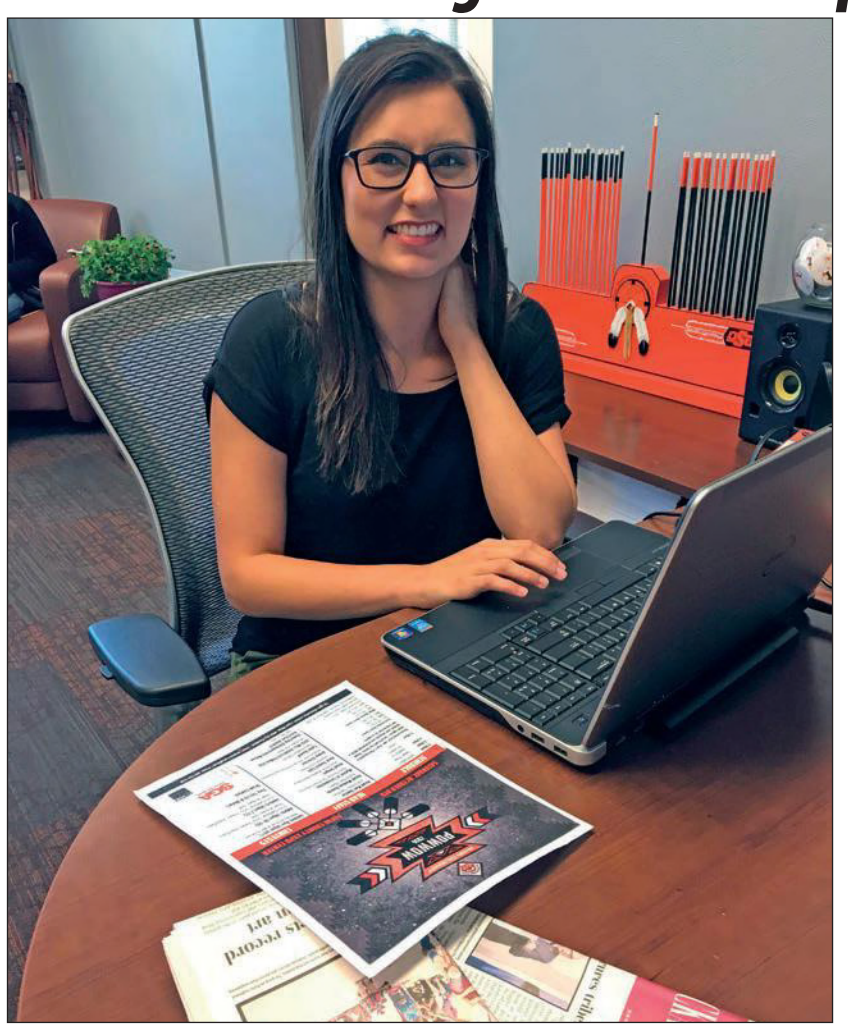
The Center recently celebrated their first anniversary on the Stillwater campus. One Center offering is a series of lectures on tribal sovereignty. The Sovereignty Speaks© series features academic and tribal leaders who share discussions on a variety of topics that impact tribal sovereignty. On Nov. 16, Chickasaw citizen, tribal leader and Oklahoma State Representative, Lisa Billy, will speak on the Evolution of Sovereign Nation Representation in State Government at a luncheon for tribal leaders and students at the OSU Art Museum.

The Center is working with the OSU chapter of the Native American Student Association (NASA) to host a Native American High School Visitation Day. Students will be offered a "full college experience" during their day on campus.

Student leaders in NASA and who work at the Center have opportunities to mentor peers and serve in a leadership capacity. One of those student leaders is Arielle Farve, a Chickasaw citizen from Lone Grove, Okla. Ms. Farve is completing her junior year at OSU, working on a double major in strategic communications and multimedia journalism.

Ms. Farve's career choice was inspired by mentoring she received from the Chickasaw Nation community. She credits the investment made by her tribe for making her future possible.

"My tribe has invested in my education and my future. I could not attend OSU without all the resources and opportunities the Chickasaw Nation has offered me," Ms. Farve said.



Chickasaw citizen and Oklahoma State University student Arielle Farve mentors Native American students at the OSU Center for Sovereign Nations.

One of those investments included a summer internship with Chickasaw Nation Public Affairs. The Chickasaw Nation Internship Program gives college-age students work experience in a variety of fields. Students can build real work experience, learn office etiquette, network with prospective hiring managers and learn soft skills that give them a competitive edge in the job market.

Ms. Farve spent her summer learning about the different aspects of tribal public affairs. She gained experience writing articles, creating communications plans, attending planning meetings, marketing, special events and more.

The internship program matches students with organizations based on their course of study. Interns have had opportunities to work with the Chickasaw Nation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Headquarters in Washington, D.C., the Department of Energy and other Chickasaw-owned or Chickasaw-related businesses and organizations.

Because of that investment, Farve hopes to contribute to preserving the culture of her tribe by working in public relations for a tribal government.

"What I hope to do upon graduation was inspired by all the ways the Chickasaw Nation community has encouraged me to pursue my educational goals," she said.

In the meantime, Ms. Farve works at the Center six hours per week. She said her experience there had helped her make connections and gain social media experience that would prepare her to enter the business world after graduation. Beyond that practical experience, she has received much more from her service at the Center.

"Talking with other Native American students is one of the best parts of my day," she said. "Working with Sky Rogers and Elizabeth Payne (Center staff) has been inspirational. They are some of the most exceptional and encouraging women I have met. The entire Center staff is excited about serving Native American students at OSU and it's a pleasure to serve with them."

Working at the Center has instilled the junior with confidence. She was encouraged to become more involved in campus leadership and ran for NASA social media chair. She was elected and now manages the social media accounts for NASA, has an active role in planning tribal events on campus, and has experience with video editing, all while gaining competitive career skills.

"Older students have taken the time to help me improve my skills and Center staff have been a constant source of encouragement," she said. "The Center has made a significant impact on our lives."

Ms. Farve said she believed she was representing the Chickasaw Nation with her service and is proud to be a citizen of a strong nation.

"All of my actions, ambitions and choices should reflect that I am proud of my heritage and strive to honor that in all areas of my life."

She encourages Native American students at OSU to visit the Center and take advantage of the opportunities and support offered there.

"The Center is important for Chickasaw and other Native American students because it offers a place of support," she said. "I am a first generation college student and I could not have excelled as much as I have without the encouragement and opportunities the Center has afforded me."

To learn more about the Chickasaw Nation's partnership with the OSU Center for Sovereign Nations, visit https://sovnationcenter.okstate.edu. To learn how to apply for the internship program, visit www.chickasaw.net or call (580) 436-7258.

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Junior Olympics results

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Students kicked off a week of Annual Meeting and Festival festivities with an Olympic-style competition at the Tishomingo High School track, Saturday, Sept. 24. Ninety children between ages three and 13 participated in the 2016 Junior Olympics, competing in activities like 50M hurdles, shot put, stickball throw, javelin throw, long jump, vertical jump and the 50M dash.

"This is one of the things that we look forward to every year," Chickasaw Nation Education executive officer Danny Wells said. "It's a great opportunity for the children to participate in competition."

Students chose which events they wanted to compete in. Those who participated in every event were eligible for an All-Around award.

Knox Phipps, Masen Knight and Gaius Knighten received medals at the Chickasaw Nation Junior Olympics at the Tishomingo High School track on Saturday, Aug. 24.

The champions included:

3-4 Year Old Girls

Seyha Silva, All-Around Winner
First - Shot Put, 50M Hurdles 50M Dash
Second - Vertical Jump, Long Jump, Stickball Throw
Third - Javelin
Blakeleigh Yochum, All-Around, second place
First - Javelin, Long Jump, Stickball Throw
Second - Shot Put, 50M Dash
Third - 50M Hurdles
Haylee Hamilton, All-Around, third place
Second - Javelin
Third - Shot Put, Long Jump
Jordyn Tilley
Second - 50M Hurdles
Kinsley Martinez
First - Vertical Jump
Naveah Johnson
Third - Vertical Jump, Stickball Throw

3-4 Year Old Boys

Jameson Soto, All-Around winner
First - 50M Hurdles, Javelin, Stickball Throw
Second - Shot Put, Vertical Jump, 50M Dash, Long Jump
Brentley Thomas, All-Around, second place
First - Shot Put, 50M Dash, Long Jump
Second - Stickball Throw, 50M Hurdles
Gage Wisdom, All-Around, third place
First - Vertical Jump
Second - Javelin
Jace Brady
Third - Shot Put, Javelin, Long Jump
Zachary Knight
Third - 50M Hurdles, Vertical Jump, 50M Dash
Aiden Coleman
Third - Stickball Throw

5-6 Year Old Girls

Kiley Hamilton, All-Around winner
First - Shot Put, 50M Hurdles, Vertical Jump, 50M Dash
Second - Long Jump
Third - Stickball Throw
Kelbi Williams, All-Around, second place
First - Stickball Throw
Second - Shot Put, 50M Hurdles, Javelin, 50M Dash
Khloe Tilley, All-Around, third place
First - Long Jump
Second - Vertical Jump, Stickball Throw
Third - 50M Hurdles, Javelin
Maggie Stick
Third - Shot Put, Vertical Jump
Leah Hawkins
First - Javelin
Third - Long Jump
Kinley Alexander
Third - 50M Dash

5-6 Year Old Boys

Ross Gray, All-Around winner
First -Vertical Jump, Stickball Throw
Second - 50M Dash, Long Jump
Third - Shot Put, 50M Hurdles
Riley Alexander, All-Around, second place
First - Shot Put, 50M Hurdles, Javelin, 50M Dash
Third - Long Jump
Nathan Garcia, All-Around winner
First - Long Jump
Second - 50M Hurdles
Third - 50M Dash
Stephen Wall
Second - Shot Put
Third - Vertical Jump, Stickball Throw
Gaius Knighten
Second - Javelin
Knox Phipps
Second - Vertical Jump
Third - Javelin
Masen Knight
Second - Stickball Throw

7-8 Year Old Girls

Kayden Prince, All-Around winner
First - 50M Hurdles, Vertical Jump, Long Jump, Stickball Throw
Second - Shot Put, 50M Dash
Third - Javelin
Kylee Burris, All-Around winner
First - Shot Put
Second - 50M Hurdles, Javelin, Vertical Jump, Long Jump
Third - Stickball Throw
Cire Walker, All-Around, third place
First - Javelin
Third -Vertical Jump, 50M Dash, Long Jump
Bayli Boswell
Third - Shot Put
Mischa Ortega
Second - Stickball Throw
Third - 50M Hurdles

7-8 Year Old Boys

Tarvaris James, All-Around, winner
First -50M Hurdles
Second - Vertical Jump
Third - 50M Dash
Dayden Soto, All-Around, second place
Second - 50M Hurdles, 50M Dash
Third - Shot Put, Stickball Throw
T.J. Culberson, All-Around, third place
First - Shot Put, Javelin, Stickball Throw
Third -Vertical Jump, Long Jump
Jace Davis
First - 50M Dash
Second - Shot Put
Casey Hawkins
Third - 50M Hurdles
Maddix Anderson
Second - Long Jump
Third - 50M Hurdles
Ian Reynolds
Second - Javelin, Stickball Throw
Jerin James
Third - Javelin
Adrian Logan
First - Vertical Jump, Long Jump

9-10 Year Old Girls

Jakobi Worcester, All-Around winner
First -50M Hurdles, Vertical Jump, 50 M Dash, Long Jump, Stickball Throw
Second - Shot Put, Javelin
Jade Soto, All-Around, second place
First - Shot Put
Second - 50M Hurdles, 50M Dash, Long Jump
Third - Javelin, Vertical Jump
Kaya La-ye Mae Johnson, All-Around, third place
First - Javelin
Third - Shot Put, Stickball Throw
Kymberlee Peden
Second - Vertical Jump, Stickball Throw
Third - 50M Hurdles, 50M Dash, Long Jump

9-10 Year Old Boys

James Valadez, All-Around winner
First -50M Hurdles, 50M Dash
Second - Javelin, Long Jump
Lanndon Fixico, All-Around, second place
First - Long Jump, Stickball Throw
Second - Shot Put, Vertical Jump
Third - 50M Dash
Diamantae Williams, All-Around, third place
First - Javelin
Second - 50M Hurdles
Third - Shot Put, Vertical Jump
Ethan Martinez
First - Shot Put
Third - Stickball Throw
Spencer Gray
Second - 50M Dash
Third - 50M Hurdles, Javelin
Braden Clark
First - Vertical Jump
Second - Stickball Throw
Third - Long Jump

11-13 Year Old Girls

Ashley Anderson, All-Around winner
First - Stickball Throw, 50M Hurdles
Second - Javelin, 50M Dash
Third - Shot Put, Long Jump
Kylee Watson , All-Around, second place
First - Shot Put, Javelin, Vertical Jump
Second - Long Jump
Third - 50M Hurdles, 50M Dash, Stickball Throw
Cheyenne Wood, All-Around, third place
First - 50M Dash, Long Jump
Second - 50M Hurdles, Vertical Jump
Maryah Harian
Second - Shot Put, Stickball Throw
Third - Javelin, Vertical Jump

11-13 Year Old Boys

Chance Johnson, All-Around winner
First - Shot Put, 50M Hurdles, Javelin, Vertical Jump, 50M Dash, Stickball Throw
Second - Long Jump
Ashton Bierce, All-Around, second place
First - Long Jump
Second -50M Hurdles, Vertical Jump, 50M Dash, Stickball Throw
Third - Javelin
Ryan Hamilton, All-Around, third place
Second - Shot Put, Javelin
Third - 50M Hurdles, 50M Dash
Josiah Johnson
Third - Shout Put, Long Jump, Stickball Throw
Daniel Hamilton
Third - Vertical Jump

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September 16, 2106

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Connie Barker called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Connie Barker

Member absent: Steve Woods

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Melissa Green-Wilkerson, Gene Lehmann, Jacquelyn Sparks, Michael L. Wingo, Judy Foster, Donna Scott, Bill Anoatubby, Holly Easterling, Tammy Gray, Terry Factor, Keisha Factor

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES -

August 19, 2016

August 15, 2016

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve the August 19, 2016 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz,Scott Wood, Connie Barker

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2016 carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve the August 15, 2016 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Connie Barker

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of August 15, 2016 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 33-053, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System, Ms. Judy Fisher

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Judy Fisher to the Chickasaw Nation Health System Governing Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve GR33-053.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Connie Barker

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR33-053 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 33-054, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System, Ms. Carolyn Nimmo

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Carolyn Nimmo to the Chickasaw Nation Health System Governing Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR33-054.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Connie Barker

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR33-054 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(B) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 33-006, Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Domestic Relations and Families)

This Resolution amends specific provisions of the Domestic Relations and Families Code dealing with interest on past due court ordered child support payments and judgments for support and the calculation of child support in order to provide a more uniform method of calculating interest or child support and take into account children not previously accounted for in the child support calculations. These amendments to the Chickasaw Nation Code shall be effective November 1, 2016.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve PR33-006.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Connie Barker

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR33-006 carried unanimously.

Mr. Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments were made by Ms. Judy Foster regarding the Children's Choir and the Ardmore bull fights.

Governor Anoatubby recognized Ms. Green for her 39 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation and presented her with an award. Chairperson Barker presented her with a plaque for her 18 years of service in the Legislature. Other Legislators acknowledged Ms. Green for her service and friendship throughout the years.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Elliott, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

OCTOBER 2016 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 34-001

Gubernatorial Reappointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission Catherine Wood

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Catherine Wood, a citizen of the Tishomingo District of the Chickasaw Nation, to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission to fill a term of office ending on December 31, 2019.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes Votes: Connie Barker, Lisa J. Billy, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Beth Alexander

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Resources Committee · October 11, 2016

Present: Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins

Finance Committee - October 17, 2016

Present: Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Linda Briggs, Steve Woods

Committee of the Whole · September 12, 2016

Present: Lisa J. Billy, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker

Absent: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs

OBITUARIES

Jerry Imotichey

TISHOMINGO, Okla. – Funeral Services for Jerry L. Imotichey, 78, of Fillmore, Okla., were Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Calvary Baptist Church in Tishomingo. Brothers Clint Freeman, Eli McHenry and Randy Wade officiated. Interment followed in Sandy Creek Cemetery at Fillmore.

Mr. Imotichey passed away Oct. 14, 2016 at Mercy Hospital in Tishomingo.

He was born May 24, 1938, in Lawton, Okla., to Jonas Imotichey and Josie (Lowery) Imotichey. He was a lifelong resident of Fillmore and a graduate of Milburn High School. He also attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant and East Central State University in Ada, Okla.

He married Janis McHenry Feb. 9, 1960 in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Imotichey served the Chickasaw people, first as an appointed assistant to the late Gov. Overton James and later as a Chickasaw Legislator.

In recent years, he played an important role in the Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program.

In 2013, he received the Silver Feather award, one of the highest honors given by the Chickasaw Nation. The award honors Chickasaws who have committed their lives to the preservation and revitalization of Chickasaw language, culture and life ways.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said the loss of Mr. Imotichey was a great blow to the Chickasaw Nation.

"As one who was fortunate enough to know Jerry Imotichey well, it is with much sadness that my condolences go out to all of his close friends and family," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Jerry was always a great example of the invincible Chickasaw spirit. He was a powerful force for preserving and revitalizing the Chickasaw language and culture because his love for everything Chickasaw came from a place deep in his heart. His passing is a great loss for the entire Chickasaw Nation."

Mr. Imotichey's most rewarding role in life was serving as a minister.

He was a founding member of the Freedom Fellowship Church in Fillmore. He loved God, family, his community and the Chickasaw people. His message to love God was far-reaching. Mr. Imotichey loved music, which was a huge part of his life. He was a member of the "Chickasaw Five" and the "Thankful Hearts." He will be greatly missed.

Mr. Imotichey was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Joni Imotichey; a sister, Yvonne Alberson; and a great-grandson, Sullivan Dameron.

He is survived by his wife, Janis, of the home; three daughters, Jana Imotichey, of Tishomingo, Julie Imotichey, of Fillmore, and Jeri Moore and her husband, Shawn, also of Fillmore; four grandchildren, Joel, Jonas, Maya and Madison; siblings Margaret Downing, of Ada; Marlene Tims and her husband, Don, of Purcell; Paul Imotichey and his wife, Betsy, of Smyrna, Tenn.; Bob Imotichey and his wife, Johnnie Lou, of Fillmore; and Dwight Imotichey and his wife, Peggy, of Fillmore; many nieces, nephews, cousins, including Jerry Arterberry and family, along with other relatives and friends.

Casket bearers were Jay Downing, Vince Downing, Greg Tims, Brad Imotichey, Mike Imotichey, Jeff Alberson and Kwiana Imotichey. Honorary bearers were Governor Bill Anoatubby, Dr. John Dyson, Joshua Hinson and the Chickasaw Language Committee.

Joe Roger Ballard

Joe Roger Ballard, 80, of Miami, Okla., passed away Saturday, October 1, 2016 at Integris Baptist Health Center in Miami. He was born April 4, 1936 in Bernice, Okla. to Henry Monroe and Lois (Ned) Ballard.

He had lived in the Miami area most of his life. He was a member and elder of the Chickasaw Nation. He served in the United States Navy during Korea and was in the Naval Reserves. He received his Bachelor's degree from East Central University in Ada, Okla.

Joe worked as a petroleum landman for the U.S. Government and numerous Native American tribes. He was a member of Northwest Baptist Church, American Legion Post 147 in Miami, and the V.F.W. in Madill, Okla. He enjoyed painting farm life and loved to garden. He was active with the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his foster father who raised him, Knox Moore, and his half sister, Margaret Luzar.

Joe married Earldean Grigsby on June 19, 1957 in Miami, Okla. She survives of the home. Additional survivors include two sons, Roger Monroe Ballard, of Weatherford, Texas, and Richard Earl Ballard and wife, Lisa, of Joplin, Mo.; one daughter, Rhonda Kay Ballard, of the home in Miami; four grandchildren, Jay Keehn, RhaShonda Hurleybell, Chris Ballard, and Billy Ballard; and one great-grandson, Wesley Hurleybell.

Services were Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Paul Thomas Funeral Home Chapel in Miami. Rev. Michael Knight and Rev. Scott Grimm officiated. Interment followed in G.A.R. Cemetery of Miami with military honors. Rickey Ellett and the men of Northwest Baptist Church served as pallbearers. Services were placed in the care of Paul Thomas Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami, Okla. In Lieu of Flowers you may donate to Northwest Baptist Church Food Bank.

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THANK YOU

Hello,

I would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for making it possible for my family and me from San Diego, Calif., to attended the annual festival this year. We greatly appreciate what the Nation does for us as citizens at large. THANK YOU!

I would like to also thank Lauren Osborne for her hard work arranging our accomodations, etc..

We also saw the film "Te Ata" while we were there. It was so educational and inspiring in many ways. What a beautiful message it sends to everyone of all ages. We forget how difficult it was for so many Native Americans years ago. We all need to keep it in mind when we think we are having tough times. We need to be as strong now as they were then!

Thank You,

Terri Lozano and family from California

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Arts and Crafts Class set for Nov. 15

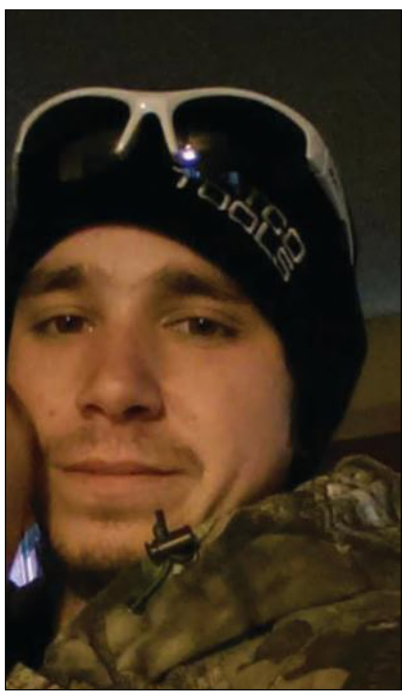
Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities will host a basket weaving arts and crafts class from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Purcell area office, 1603 S. Green Purcell, Okla.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Regina Berna at (580) 371-9835 or regina.berna@chickasaw.net.

OBITUARIES

Sean James Anderson



Sean James Anderson, of Port Angeles, Wash., passed away suddenly at his home October 24, 2016 at the young age of 27. His cause of death is unknown.

Sean was born September 22, 1989 in Fountain Valley, Calif., to Kimberly Ann Emerson-Surface.

Sean loved to travel. He lived in California were he played football and soccer. He lived in Colorado were he loved to be outdoors hiking, skiing and snowboarding, then he moved to Arizona where he found his love for BMX riding and offroading. He then met his wife, Shana Renee Hillriegel-Anderson and they moved to Washington and married on August 26, 2012.

Sean then attended Peninsula College in Port Angeles where he took courses to become an Auto Technician. Sean loved the outdoors, hiking and seeing what all nature had to offer him. He enjoyed drawing, music and creating his own recipes and cooking them for his family. He loved being with his wife, children, and family members.

Sean enjoyed helping people out that were in need or less fortunate than himself. He was a very giving person with a big heart for others.

Sean was very proud of his heritage and who he was.

Sean was the great-grandson of May Pearl Durin- Emerson who is an original enrollee of the Chickasaw Nation and the grandson of Donald Ray Emerson of the Chickasaw Nation.

Sean is survived by his wife Shana Renee Anderson; two children Joscelin Meg Anderson age 6, and Sebastian James Anderson age 13 months; his mother Kimberly Ann Emerson-Surface; his father Bryan William Surface; sisters Jessica Ann Emerson and Breanna Katelyn Surface; nieces Destiny Ann Emerson, Taylor Ann Bennett , and Baily Ann Bennett.

Ada Senior Center Gift Shop preps for the holidays

The gift shop located inside the Chickasaw Nation Ada Senior Center has extended its hours and selection just in time for holiday shopping. The gift shop is open from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday – Friday.

The Ada Senior Center is located at 1005 Chamber Loop Road, in Ada. Call (580) 436-1007 for more information.

Chickasaw college QB puts focus on discipline, education

ABILENE, Texas – A Chickasaw man is making the grade as a starting quarterback at NCAA Division I school Abilene Christian University.

Dallas Sealey, a sophomore from Lawton, Okla., has been lighting up the scoreboard. The Wildcats' offense has been impressive and Mr. Sealey has passed for 11 touchdowns and run for five during the opening seven-game stretch of the college football season.

Mr. Sealey is not big by modern college quarterback standards (6'0", 195 lbs.), but he has proved very reliable in the Wildcats' fast-paced attack.

"I'm starting to get familiar with the college game," Mr. Sealey said. "Everyone is bigger, faster and stronger than in high school. You can't slack off or it will come back to bite you."

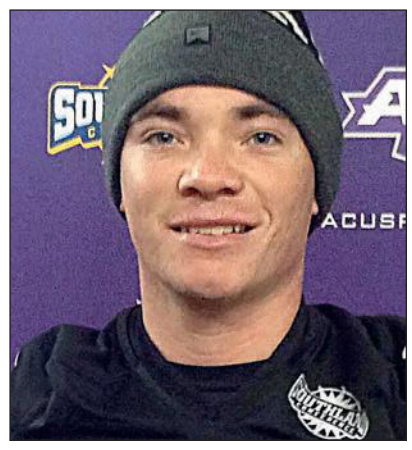
It's been a challenging year for Abilene Christian football. The team is 0-7 despite being very close in most of the games. The offense has averaged 27 points per game, but hasn't been able to get over the hump yet.

"It's tough, but it's important to keep your mind right and continue to focus on doing better and achieving your goals," Mr. Sealey said. "You must stay strong."

He began playing football in third grade and said the "feel of competing" kept him coming back. He played his high school football at Lawton High School, a big Oklahoma 6A school with plenty of rivalries. He thrived on the competition.

"I just always loved the game," he said. "There is lots of practice and preparation, and I liked the feeling I got when that hard work paid off in the game."

His Chickasaw culture, Mr. Sealey said, is of growing importance to him as he makes his way through college. He credits his mother, Sandra Sealey, and his aunt, Chickasaw legislator Dean McManus, with helping him learn to appreciate his heritage.



DALLAS SEALEY

"My mother always emphasized our culture to me growing up, and my Aunt Dean always kept me engaged in some way with the tribe," Mr. Sealey said. "I think it's important you know who you are and what is expected of you."

One reason he chose Abilene Christian was the private school's church affiliation with the Churches of Christ.

"As a young person, you have to keep a structure and don't let the distractions of life get a hold on you," he said. "I'm not a party guy, and I work to keep my focus. I'm getting my education paid for and that's a great feeling. It's all there for you if you are willing to put in the hard work."

Mr. Sealey is a kinesiology major and after graduation plans a career in sports and recreation management.

Abilene Christian has an enrollment of 5,000. The Wildcats play in the Southland Conference. Most of the conference teams are in Texas and Louisiana.

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Chickasaw Honor Club

Zach Driemeyer

Zach, son of Timothy and Mary Driemeyer of House Springs, Miss., is a November recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Award for Outstanding Citizenship. Zach is a senior at Lindbergh High School.

This past summer, Zach accumulated over 60 hours tutoring for the summer enrichment program. He was nominated by tutoring coordinator Dana Wrablik.

"Zach is a hard worker with a friendly attitude," Ms. Wrablik said. "He would never leave at the end of the day without asking me if I needed anything else."

This scholar loves to read and play video games. While tutoring for the summer enrichment program, Zach worked one-on-one with a special needs student. Zach went the extra mile by walking this student to his parents each day and giving them a daily progress report. After taking the student to his parents, Zach would help direct traffic and supervise students in the parking lot.

His future plans include attending college to major in engineering and learning another language.

Bailee McCurdy

Bailee, daughter of Billy and Carol McCurdy of Latta, Okla., is a recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Award for Outstanding Citizenship.

She is a senior at Latta High School and was nominated by teacher Melinda Isaacs.

Bailee is the president of the Latta High School student council and the National Honor Society chapter. She is captain of the cheerleading squad and is involved in DECA, FCA and FCCLA.

"She is a woman of great integrity, generosity and responsibility," Ms. Isaacs said. "Bailee is an outstanding young woman who greatly deserves this honor."

After graduating high school, Bailee plans to attend the University of Oklahoma to obtain a bachelor's in chemical engineering and a minor in biology. She hopes to become a medical examiner and work for the FBI.

Jakob Hisaw

Jakob, son of Derek Hisaw and Heather Bellville of Latta, Okla., is a recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Award for Outstanding Citizenship. He is in the sixth grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by his teacher Julie Rauch.

"Jakob is an excellent student with a friendly attitude," Mrs. Rauch said. "He is a very trustworthy student who takes great pride in his work. He has a helpful spirit and displays integrity in life situations."

Jakob loves to play basketball and baseball for Latta and Boys and Girls Club. He also shows livestock and miniature horses. This summer he traveled to Des Moines, Iowa to compete at American Shetland Pony Club Congress and became the World Champion Classic Youth Halter Mare and Gelding for 8-12 year olds. He is also the National Champion in American Miniature Horse Registry Youth Mare and is featured in the 2015 AMHR National All Star Hall of Fame.

His future plans include attending Oklahoma State University and serving in the military.

Breanna Snider

Breanna, daughter of Sandra Snider of Ada, Okla., is a recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Award for Outstanding Citizenship.

Breanna recently completed tenth grade at Latta High School and was nominated by teacher Stacy Oakley.

"Breanna won the ECU Pitch Competition in the fall," Ms. Oakley said. "She has wonderful entrepreneurial skills, loves to work and is a dependable student."

After graduating high school, Breanna plans to attend college and become a counselor for children.

CONTRIBUTED BY Taylor Owen, Public Affairs.

Chickasaw family opens hearts, home to children

ADA, Okla. - "Just like when bringing a baby home from the hospital your family dynamic changes when you accept a foster child into your home," Gillian Whatley said. "You have to adjust to a different dynamic. It was no longer just us and about us. Now we had a child to take care of."

Mrs. Whatley and her husband, Chickasaw citizen Brent Whatley, opened their hearts and home to a four-year-old boy through the Chickasaw Nation Foster Care and Adoption Program. The Whatleys now call that four-year-old boy "son." The Whatleys also have a 15-month-old foster daughter.

"We thought the process would be long and difficult but it was easier with the help of the case workers and attorneys involved with our son's case," Mrs. Whatley said. "Anytime we had a question or concern they were always available for us."

The Whatleys have been married 10 years. When they decided to start a family, they faced the difficult challenge of infertility. After struggling for years, they decided to become foster parents.

"Instead of continuing to try to have children of our own, we decided we could provide a loving and stable home to a child who deserves to be loved and to have stability and structure through foster care and adoption," Mrs. Whatley said.

The Chickasaw Nation Foster Care and Adoption Program is actively seeking families to care for the Chickasaw children. Nationally, more than 100,000 children are in foster care. In Oklahoma, more than 11,000 children are in the foster care system waiting on families. The goal of both the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Chickasaw Nation Foster Care Program is family reunification. If a child is unable to be placed back with his or her parents, agencies hope to place them with family members. When that is not possible, the agencies search for loving, safe homes for children through fostering and adoption.

Kendra Lowden, program resource manager, said, "There are currently 65 resource homes within the Chickasaw Nation program and over 400 Chickasaw children nationwide who are in foster care, with over 300 of those in Oklahoma."

The Whatleys found resources to help them on their parenthood journey.

"There are a lot of resources available to current and interested foster and adoptive families," Mrs. Whatley said. "We have used many resources through the tribal foster services, DHS and many forums available online with other families going through similar experiences in the adoption and foster system."

Mrs. Whatley said it was important to take time to research and speak with others who are going through or have already gone through the process of foster and adoption. Never be afraid, she said, to ask questions or talk about any concerns you and your family may have.

Gillian and Brent Whatley celebrate becoming parents on their adoption day with Judge Dustin Rowe last November.

Some of those resources have helped them as they waited for the day they could walk into the courtroom and officially become a family. The Whatleys cite the love, encouragement and support of family and friends as their most valuable resources.

They are happy to share their story in order to encourage other families to foster and adopt. When their son wants to know his story, they said, they will tell him.

"We will be open and honest about our son's adoption," Mrs. Whatley said. "Even now we try to explain to him what adoption is and how he came to live with us and be a part of our family."

And, they have found a great way to bond with their new son.

"We have what we call 'King for the Day,'" Mr. Whatley said. "We let him pick out the activity of the day, whether it was going to zoo, coloring, reading a book or just playing in his room. It means the world to him and makes him feel special and important, and it gives us a chance to bond with him."

Members of any federally-recognized tribe can become foster parents. To apply for the Chickasaw Nation program, candidates must be at least 21, financially sufficient and reside in Oklahoma. Both single and married candidates are accepted.

For more information, or an application, contact (580) 272-5550.

CONTRIBUTED BY Jennifer Jones, Public Affairs.

Change a child's life as a Foster Grandparent

ADA, Okla. – Senior volunteers for the Chickasaw Nation Foster Grandparent program participated in training at the Douglas H. Johnston Education building in Ada in late summer in preparation for the fall school year. Volunteers learned about first aid, CPR, emotional development in young children, nutrition and more at the three-day workshop.

Foster grandparent program participants can mentor children at Chickasaw Nation Head Start and Child Development Centers with early education skills and cultural mentoring by sharing Chickasaw language and traditions. When the children hit a rough patch with social, emotional and nutritional issues, foster grandparents can also be there to help.

Claire Bohannan has participated in the foster grandparent program for six years. She was part of the Senior Corps program before it was embraced by the Chickasaw Nation. She is a Choctaw citizen who speaks fluent Chickasaw. She told a story about a child she mentored.

"She just took to me and she was wanted to stay close to me," Ms. Bohannan said. "She was a really smart girl. I helped her to learn the Chickasaw numbers and one day she told her mother, 'she taught me numbers,' so that made me feel good."

Foster grandparents can serve between 15 to 40 hours per week, remaining physically and mentally active, mentoring and teaching children who are enrolled in tribal child care centers and other public facilities within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.

Former Head Start director Belle Harjo volunteered because she wanted to get back into the classroom after retiring from the Chickasaw Nation. She was familiar with the program after seeing mentors at the Head Start facility. Ms. Harjo is a Chickasaw citizen who speaks fluent Chickasaw.

"I saw an ad for the program in the paper and thought it would be the perfect opportunity for me after 30 years in the Head Start program," she said. "I wanted something part-time and thought that getting into the classroom would be good for me. I love children."

The group of volunteers completed the first training class for the Chickasaw Nation program.

"The first of many to come," program manager Callie Roebuck said.

The program continues to accept applications for volunteers, with opportunities spread across south central Oklahoma, including: Chickasaw Nation Head Start centers in Tishomingo, Sulphur, Ardmore and Ada; public schools in Francis, Homer and Mannsville; and the Chickasaw Nation Child Care Center in Ada.

Volunteers receive hourly stipends for their service, as well as meals, recognition and transportation cost reimbursements. Anyone age 55 or older residing within the Chickasaw Nation 13-county service area can apply.

For more information, or to obtain an application, contact Education at (580) 421-7711 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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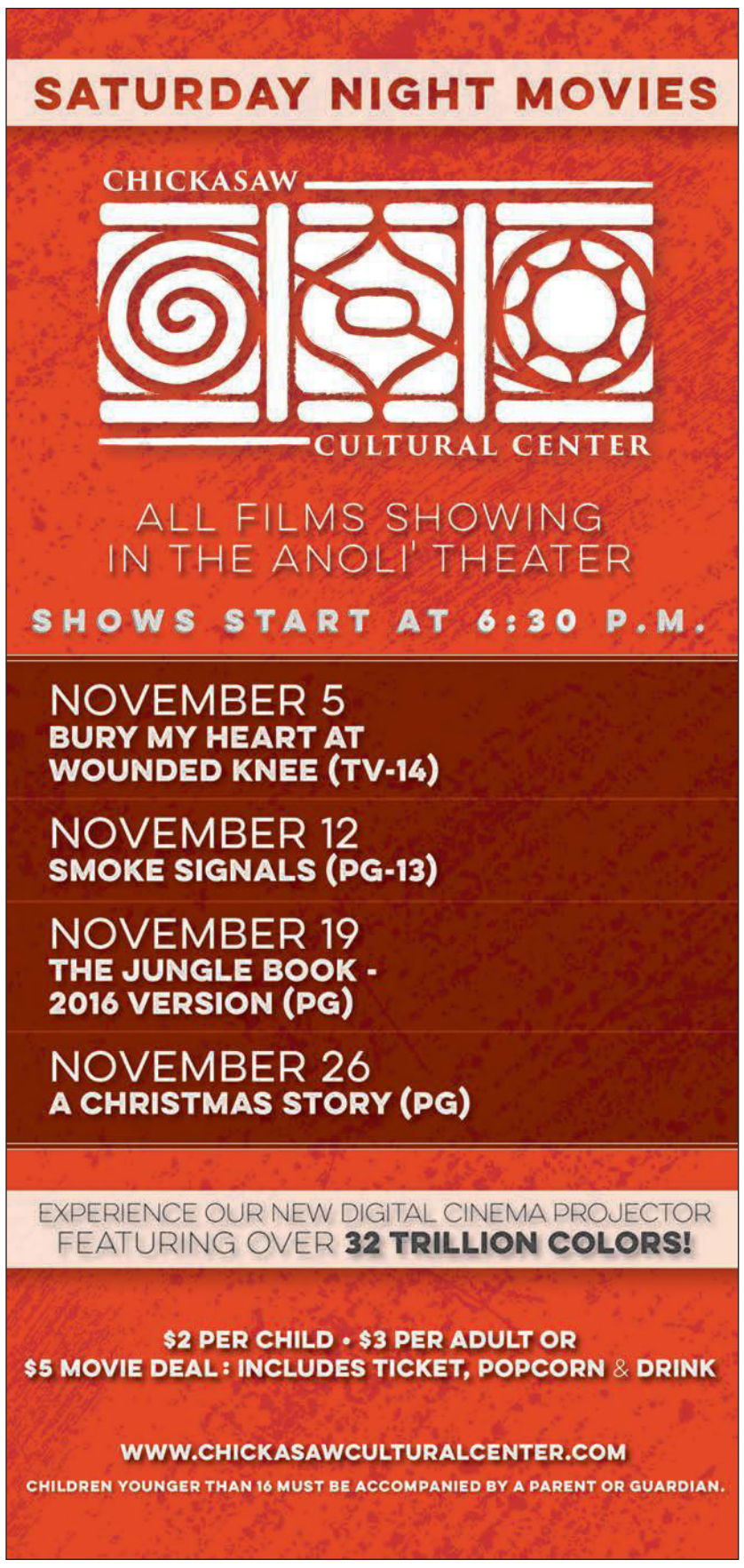
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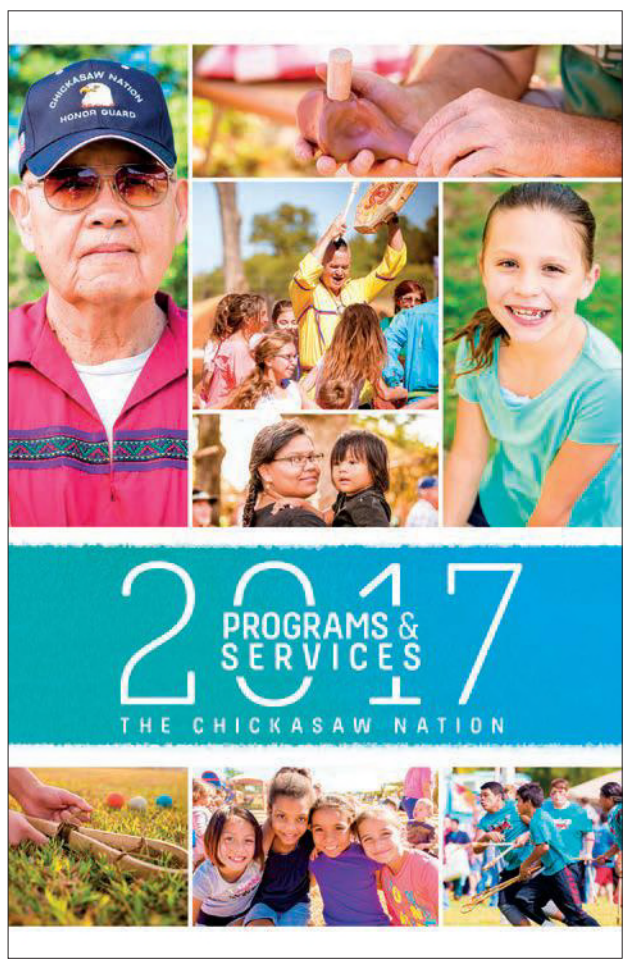

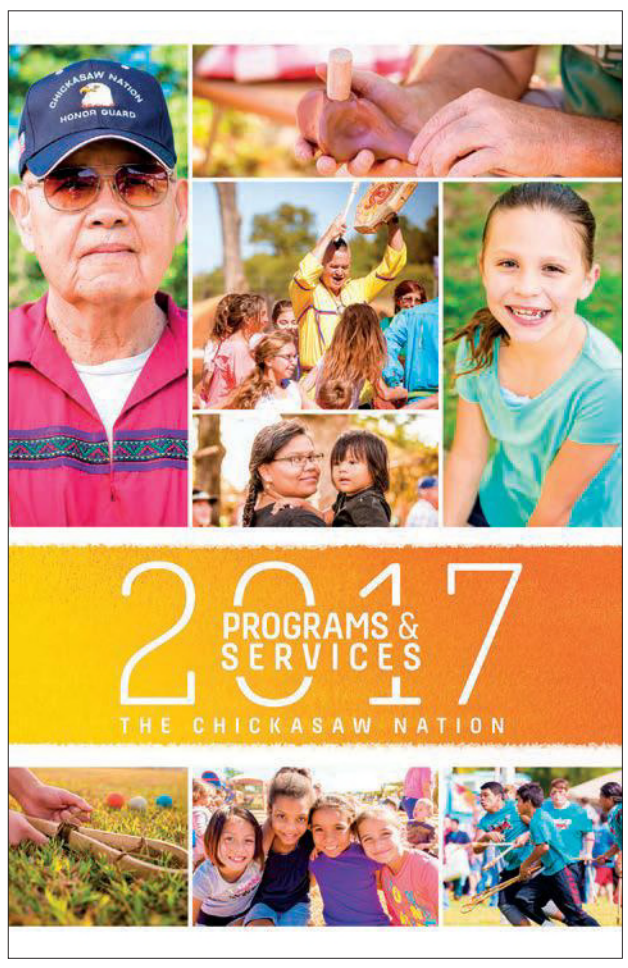

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Students enjoy Health Career Day

Vanoss High School students Emma Rindal, Paige Hill and Lauren Gann learn to suture and staple during Health Care Career Exploration Day, Sept. 29 in Ada.

ADA, Okla. - Area high school and junior high students engaged in Health Care Exploration Day recently in Ada. The students worked RNs, X-ray technicians, instructors and other medical personnel at the Pontotoc County Agriplex Sept. 29.

Careers in the health and medical science fields were exhibited in hands-on booths hosted by the Chickasaw Nation, Mercy Hospital Ada and Pontotoc Technology Center. Over 500 students from Ada, Byng, Konawa, Vanoss, Latta and Stratford attended to investigate health care careers.

"With this event we hope to engage high school students in the health fields," event organizer Kelsey Wingo said. "The hands-on activities help get their feet wet."

Instead of guest speakers and lectures, students participated in a variety of activities. They could see actual lungs inflate as they pulsed an air machine, practice sutures and staples on raw chicken, listen to the heart and lungs of a CPR mannequin and practice patient stabilization with paramedics. Trays of organs were on display, along with real medical equipment.

"This was a really cool event," Ada Junior High School counselor Renee Johns said. "The students were excited that they didn't have to sit down and listen to lectures. They can recount facts they learned and experiences they had at the booths, and, they had fun!"

The Chickasaw Nation offers programs to assist and support students who choose to pursue a number of careers in the health care fields. The career technology program is available to Chickasaw students attending accredited career technology centers, trade schools and private licensed training facilities. Students can apply for grants to assist with tuition, exams and licenses, text books and supplies.

This program is available to all Chickasaw students regardless of income or residence. To learn more or apply, visit www.chickasaw.net and search 'career technology program,' or call (580) 421-7711.

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Nov. 19 is Survivors of Suicide Loss Day

ADA, Okla. - Suicide among Americans impacts principally teens and young adults. It is a major challenge across Indian Country.

The Chickasaw Nation hosted several suicide awareness events during National Suicide Awareness Month in September. Two community walks and a "Love Lives On" day shed light on prevention resources and supported survivors of suicide loss.

The "Walk for Life" kicked off the awareness events Saturday, Sept. 10, in Ada. A second walk took place at the capitol grounds in Tishomingo Friday, Oct. 21.

November 19 is internationally recognized as Survivors of Suicide Loss Day. Survivors are invited to share their stories of loss and find support with other survivors. The event, dubbed "Love Lives On," will be at the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center on the East Central University campus, 830 E. Main in Ada, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19.

Deanna Carpitche works in prevention services at the Chickasaw Nation. Her department offers Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) to any agency upon request. The two-day workshops arm participants with proven intervention techniques to avert the risk of suicide.

"Suicide is the second leading cause of death for Americans between ages 10-34," Jay Keel, Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Family Services said. "The suicide rate is double the homicide rate. These numbers demonstrate how significant this issue is."

Suicide is often the result of untreated mental health conditions. Mental health is commonly overlooked and care can be difficult to access. The cultural stigma surrounding mental health issues is a key barrier to individuals who need care. The goal of the awareness campaign and prevention program is to help erase the stigma about mental health care and send the message that mental health care is just as important as physical health care.

"We're making progress in two of the risk factors for suicide: the stigma attached to mental health services and access to solutions and relief," Mr. Keel said. "Mental health is just as important as nutrition, physical fitness and any other issue. The Chickasaw Nation is putting more emphasis on mental health issues and erasing the stigma while removing barriers to care. The awareness that this event will create will save someone's live today."

Suicide prevention resources are available 24 hours a day through the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. Help is available at 1-800-273-TALK. Veterans can press 1 when calling to be connected with a veterans' service provider.

Celebrate Recovery is a program that helps release participants from life controlling issues. Program ministry leader David Barrowman shared his experience with suicide loss at the walk. He mentored a veteran after he returned from a tour in Iraq.

"The reason I walk today is in memory of Jason M. After relapsing into negative life controlling issues, he felt so ashamed that he ended his life. It shook me," Mr. Barrowman said. "If you see a warning sign, act on it. Talk to them. Communicate. Let them know that you care."

Chickasaw Nation Prevention Services offers Suicide Talk and Safe Talk training and other mental health intervention resources. The Health Education for Life Program (HELP) addresses suicide awareness for youth in grades eight through 12. Students are taught the Ask, Listen, Tell technique to help peers who are at risk.

Find resources to help with talking to someone at risk through prevention services at www.chickasaw.net, or by calling (580) 436-7212. Classes are offered at no cost.

"We offer in-depth training to help you be the safe person for someone struggling," Ms. Carpitche said. "We help them find a way to keep safe for now. We're not asking them to keep safe forever, but to keep safe for now and so they can be connected with resources and make a plan to stay alive. If you don't know what to do for a person, dial the help line and hand them the phone."

National resources, awareness tools and more can be found on the National Alliance on Mental Illness website, www.nami.org.

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